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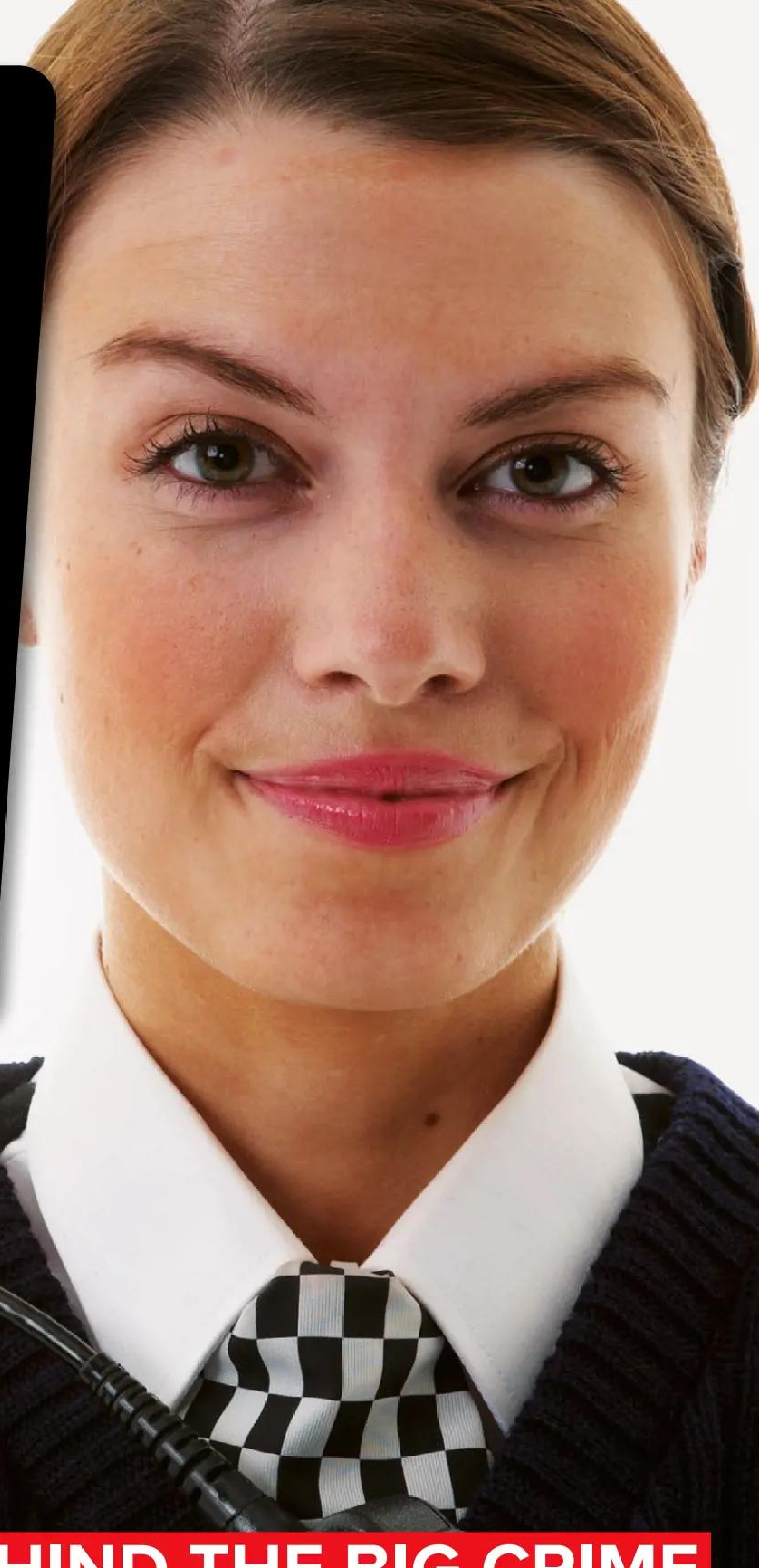

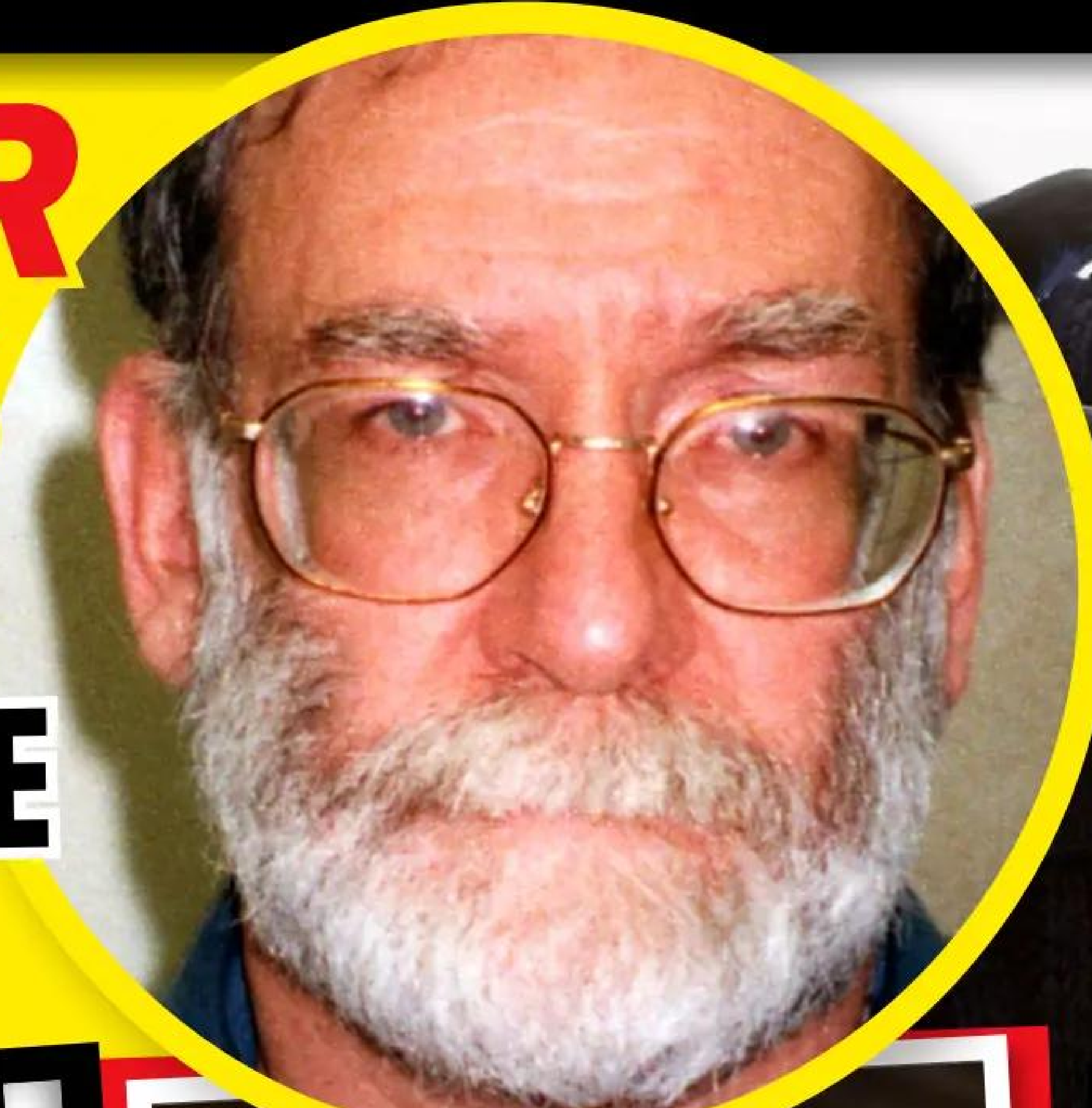

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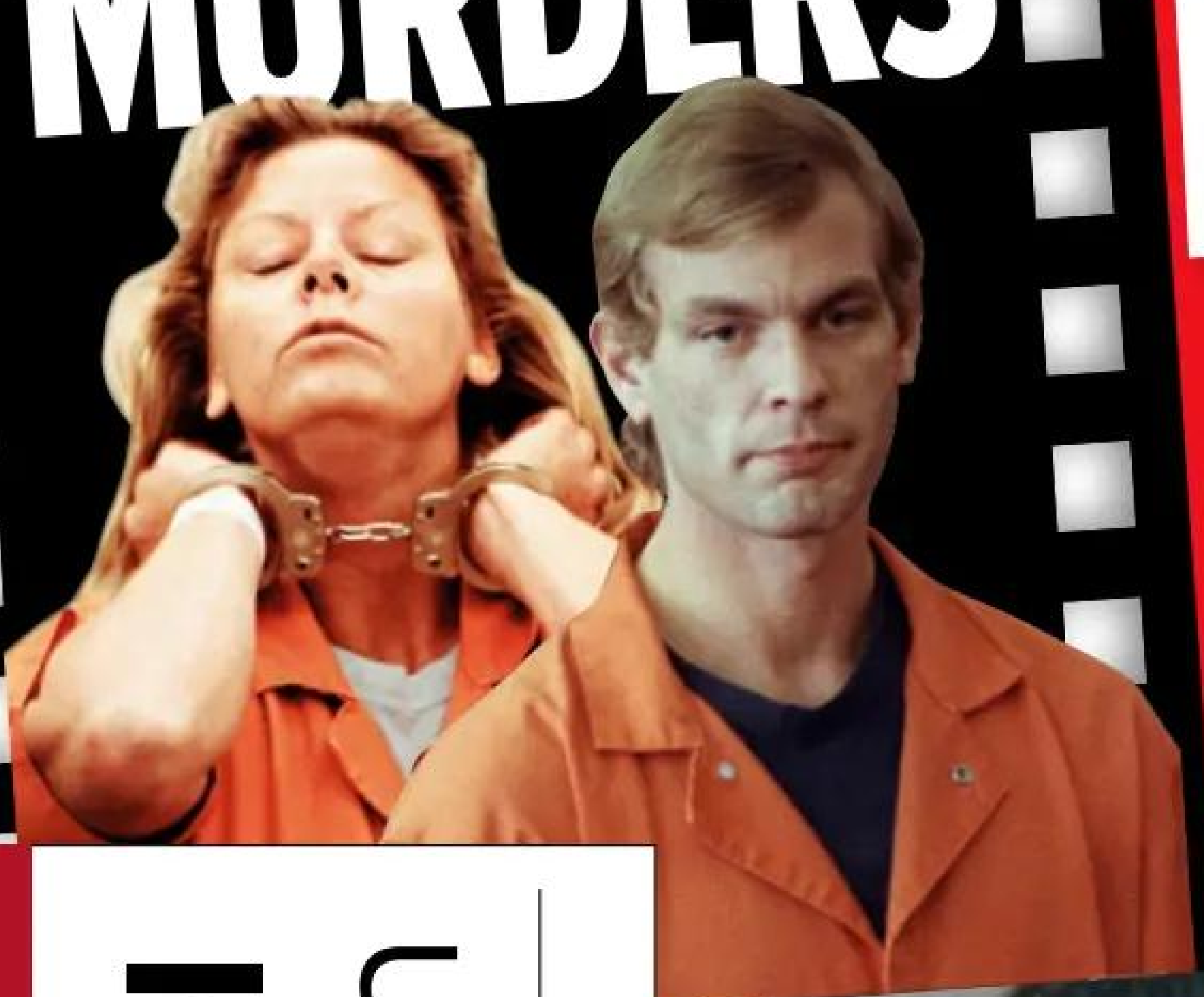

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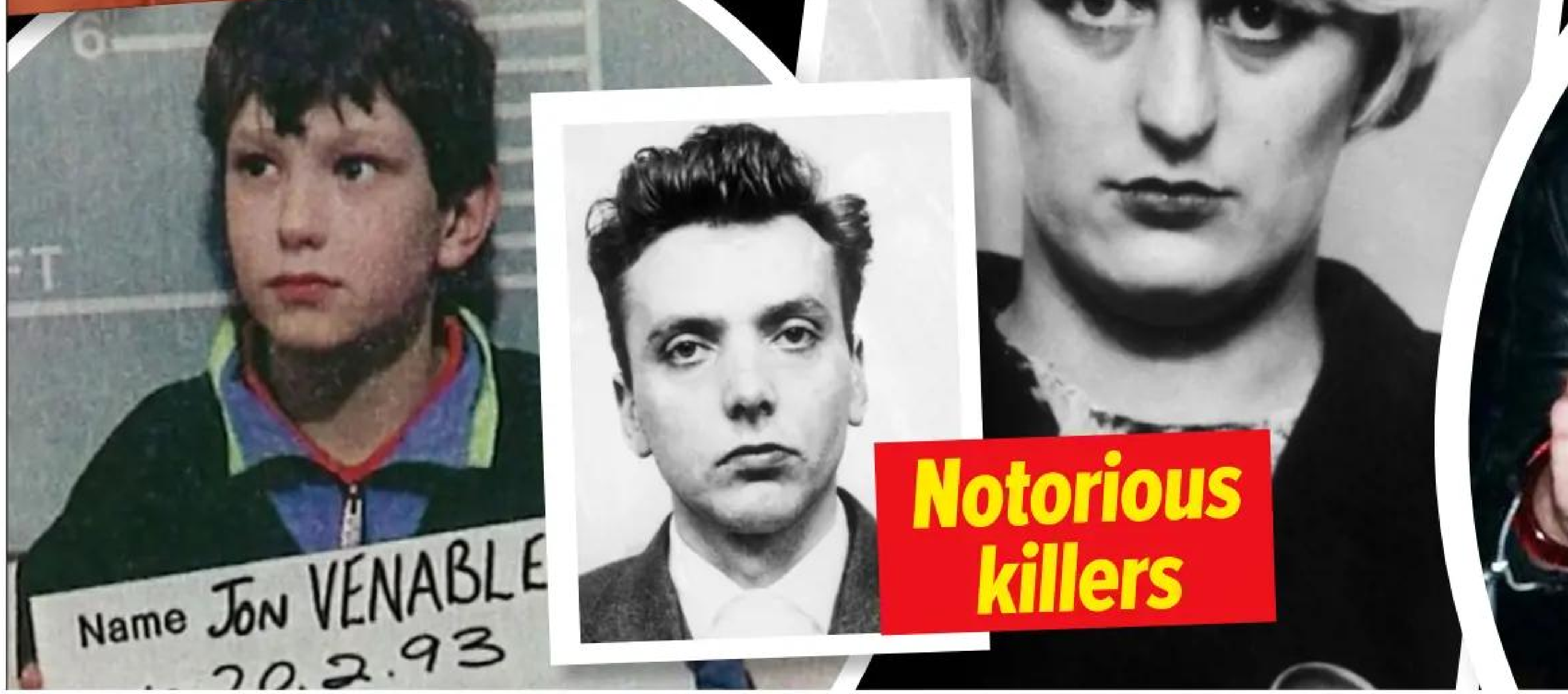

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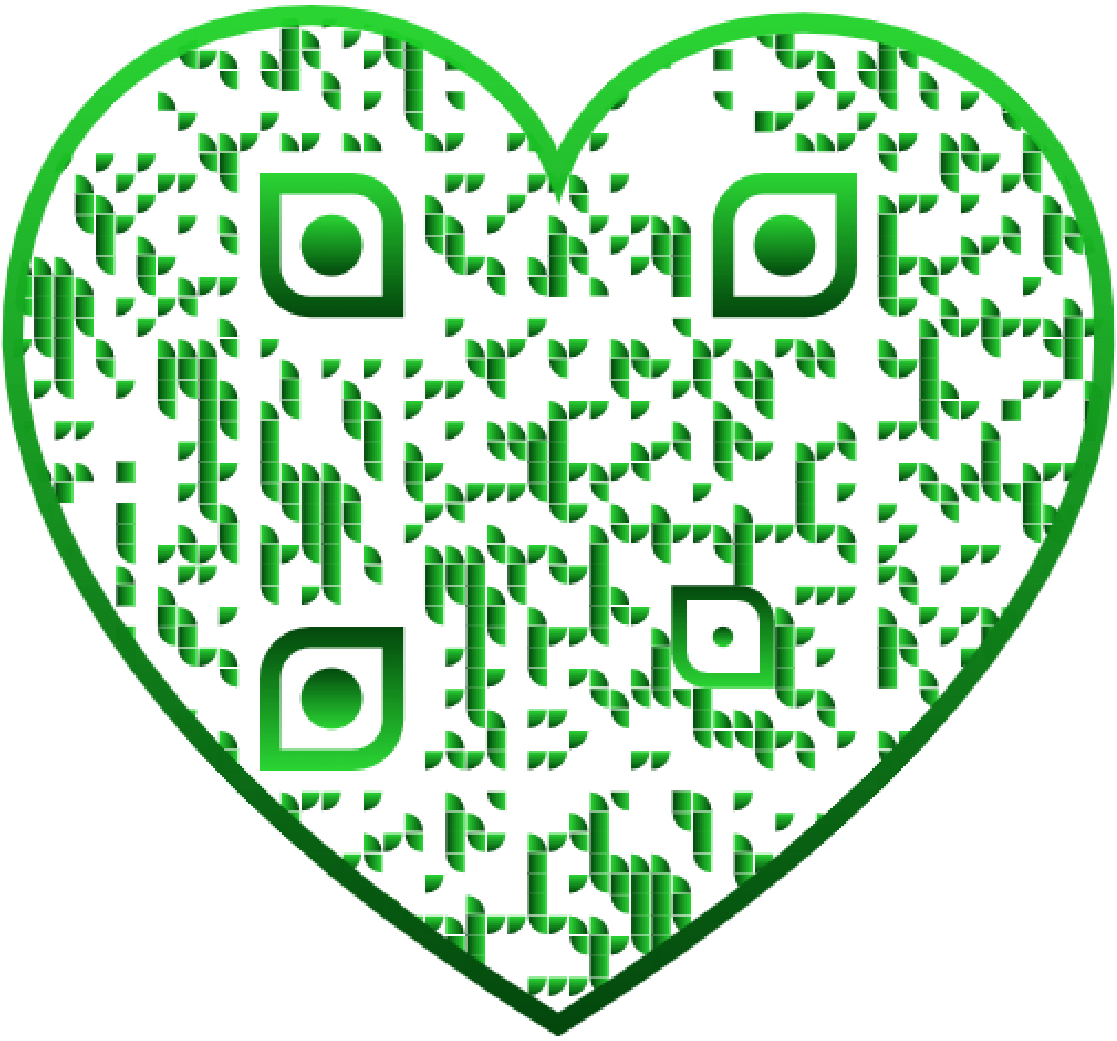

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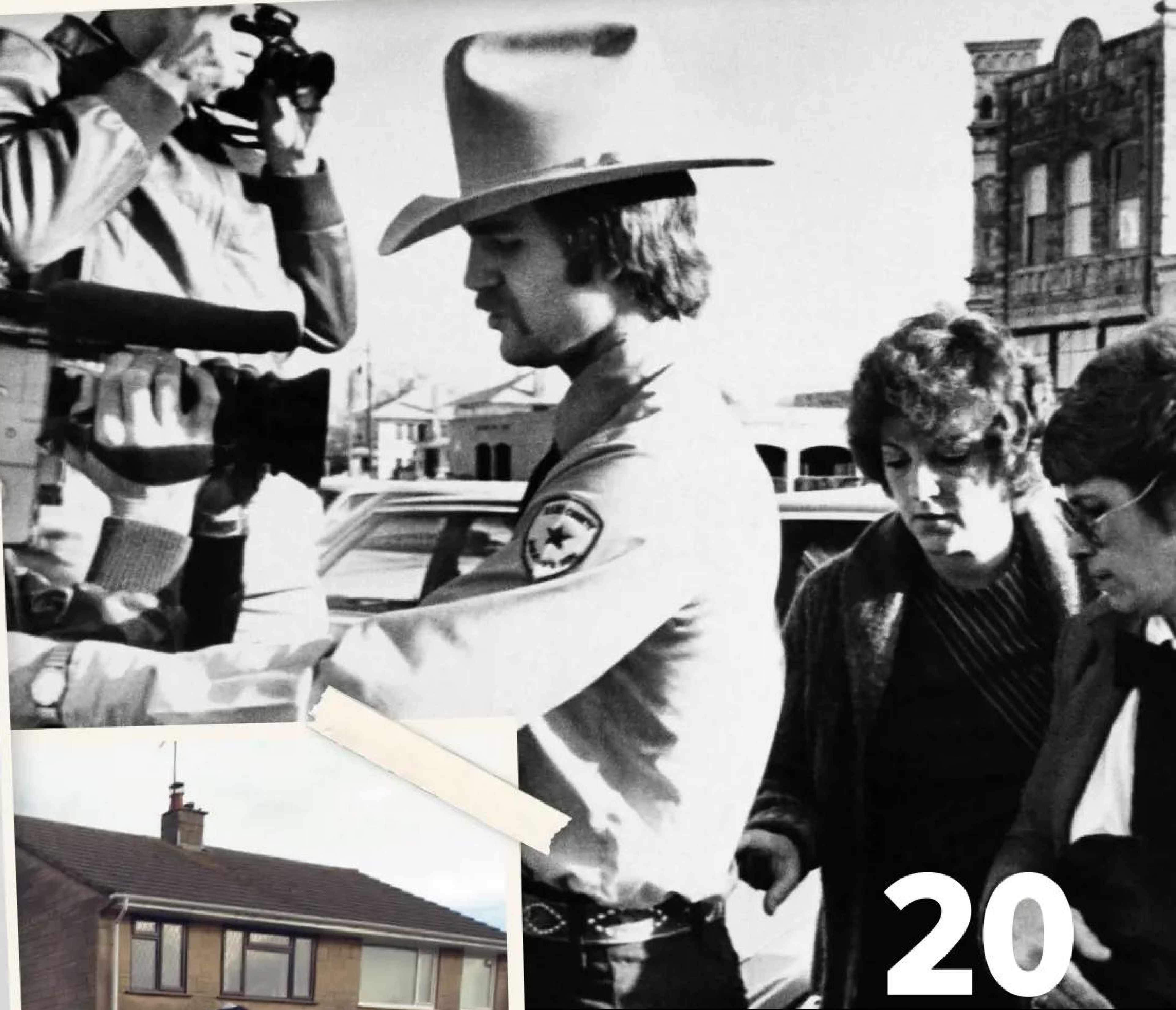

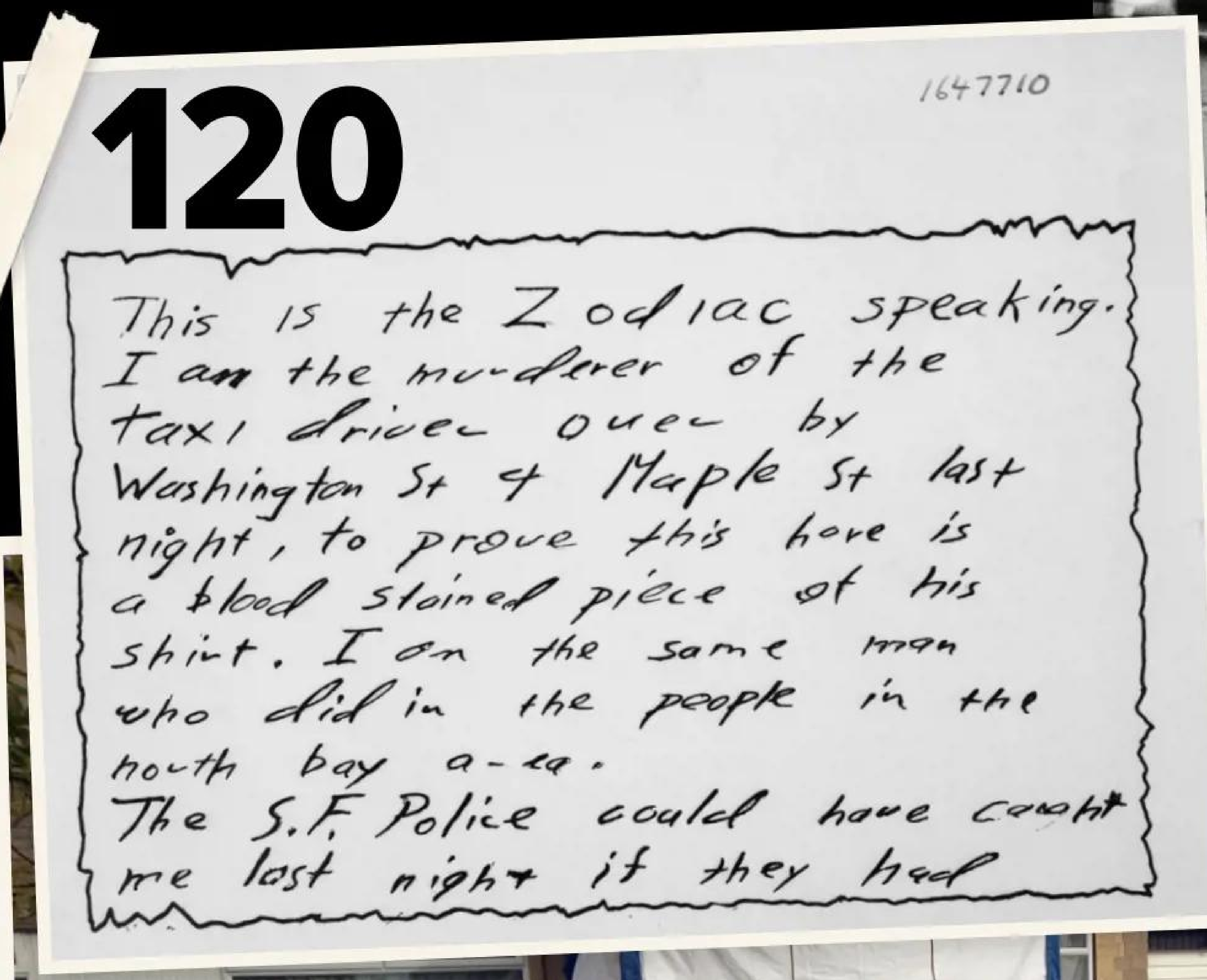

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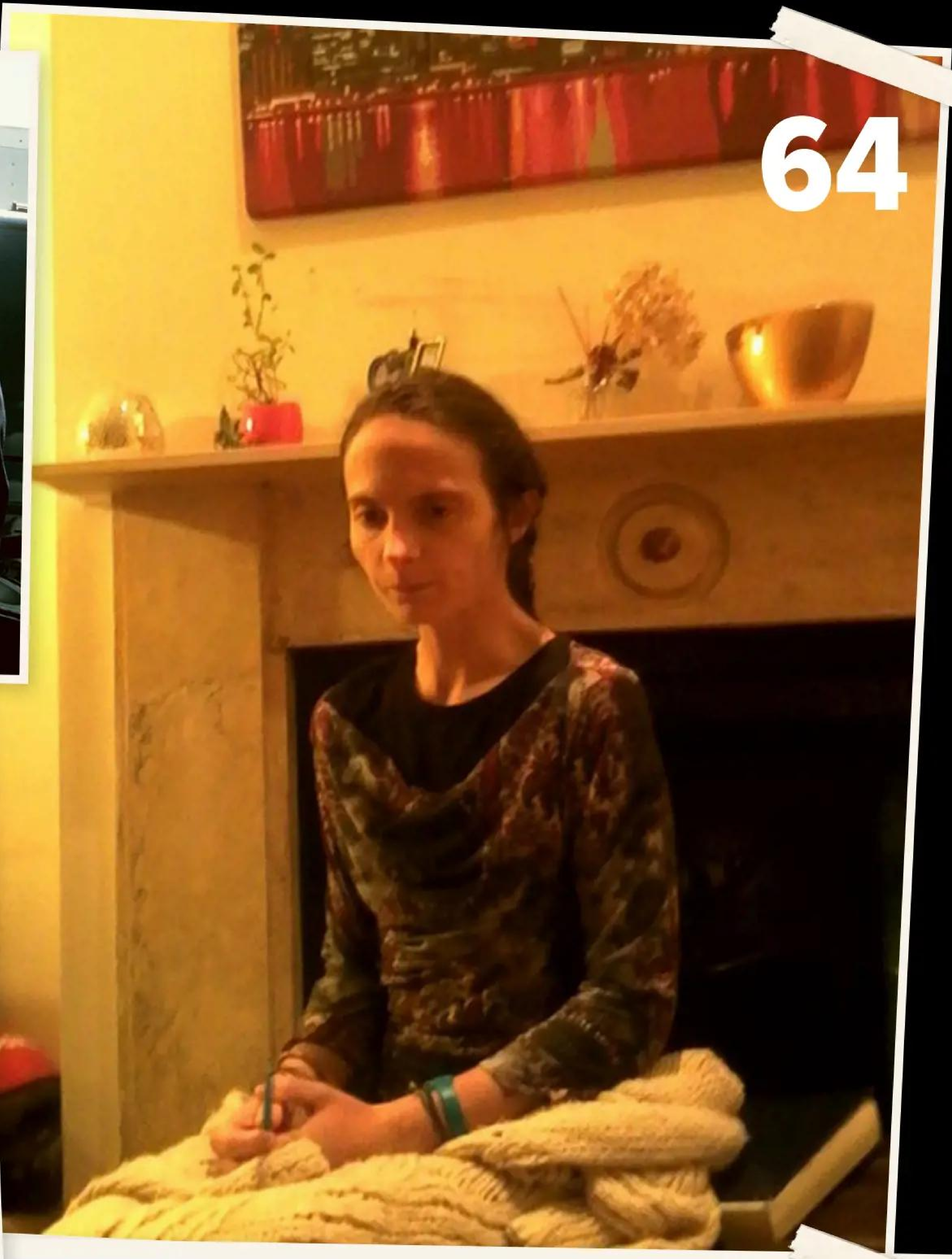
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The embodim of evil

Nothing would stand in the way of this man's twisted fantasies

'Sorry': Jake Patterson

As Jayme Closs boarded the school bus, she had no idea of the evil that was watching.

Happily chatting to her friends, Jayme didn't notice Jake Patterson, 21, on the way to his job at a cheese factory.

Patterson was a man with disturbing fantasies. He dreamed of abducting girls.

Seeing young Jayme, he'd chosen his victim.

Jayme, just 13, loved sports and dancing. As an only child, she was everything to her parents James and Denise.

But nothing would stand in Patterson's way. Obsessed with his fantasy, he found out where the Closs family lived.

Visiting their house twice, he was scared off both times. But, on 15 October 2018 – his third visit – Patterson put his sick plan into action.

It was 1am when he pulled into the Closs' driveway in Barron, Wisconsin, USA.

Dressed in black, he wore a mask, hat and gloves. He'd even shaved his head and put fake number plates on his car.

As he approached the house, the Closs' dog started barking. Alarmed, Jayme woke up and saw a dark figure approaching the house. She ran to wake her parents.

James immediately saw the intruder was carrying a gun and told Denise and Jayme to hide in the bathroom.

They locked the bathroom door and cowered together in silence as James went down to investigate.

James shouted through the glass of the front door. But, as he did, Patterson lifted his gun and shot James through the window, right in the head.

Jayme's brave father was killed instantly.

Determined to get to Jayme, Patterson blasted his way into the house.

When he came to the locked bathroom, he started kicking down the door.

Frantic, Denise called 911. But she didn't get chance to say a word. Patterson had barged his way into the bathroom.

There was Denise, desperately hugging her terrified daughter.

Patterson ordered her to cover up Jayme's mouth with duct tape, but impatiently snatched the tape from Denise and did it himself, binding Jayme's hands and ankles.

Then he lifted his gun and cruelly shot Denise in the head, in front of her petrified daughter.

Leaving Denise's body in the bath, Patterson dragged the distraught and hysterical Jayme out of the house and into his car.

What would he do to her if she disobeyed him..?

He then drove the girl to his remote cabin, 60 miles away.

There, he burned the clothes that Jayme was wearing, and dressed her in a pair of his sister's old pyjamas.

When the police arrived at the home of the Closs family, they were horrified.

There were so many questions about what could have happened.

Where was Jayme? Could it be possible that she'd shot her parents?

But the theory was fast dismissed – and the police realised then that Jayme was in danger.

They launched a nationwide manhunt, with volunteers searching the area and thousands of dollars offered in rewards.

But, as the months passed, hope of ever finding the teenager safe again faded and vanished.

Little did anyone know, she was being held hostage.

Jayme's life with Patterson was hell. When he went out, he'd force Jayme under his bed and barricade her in, with no food or water.

Too scared to move, she'd

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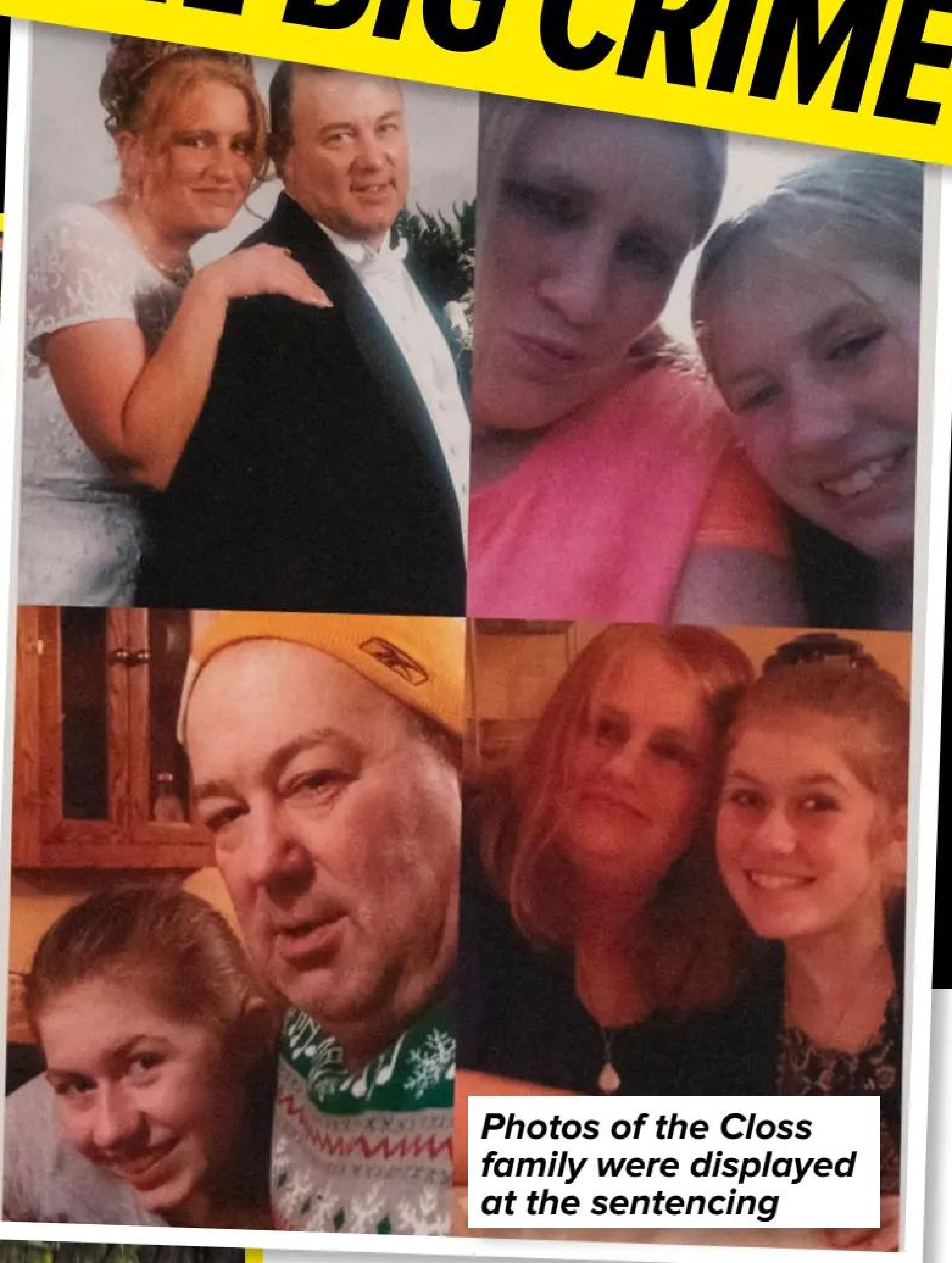
Abducted from the Closs family home



Photos of the Closs family were displayed at the sentencing

already seen Patterson murder her beloved parents.

What would he do to her if she disobeyed him..?

But on 10 January 2019, after 88 days held hostage, Jayme saw her chance to escape. Patterson went out for a few hours.

So, using all her strength, Jayme pushed her way out from under the bed.

She put on a pair of Patterson's shoes and ran.

Soon, she came across a woman walking her dog and begged her for help.

Concerned, the woman took the underweight and dishevelled teenager to her friend's house, and called the police. Both women now recognised Jayme from the missing-person posters plastered all over the area.

Meanwhile, Patterson had returned home to find Jayme missing. He jumped in his car but, soon after, was arrested.

Jayme was traumatised, but finally safe. And, as she tried to recover from her horrendous ordeal, the police wanted to find out more about Patterson.

He had no criminal record. People who knew him said he seemed quiet, unassuming. Yet he'd committed the most unthinkable crimes.

In March 2019, Jake Patterson pleaded guilty to two counts of intentional homicide and one count of kidnapping.

Jayme didn't appear in court, but her lawyer read her victim impact statement: *Jake Patterson took a lot of things that I love away from me,* she wrote.

There are some things that Jake Patterson can never take from me. He can't take my freedom. He thought he could own me and he was wrong.

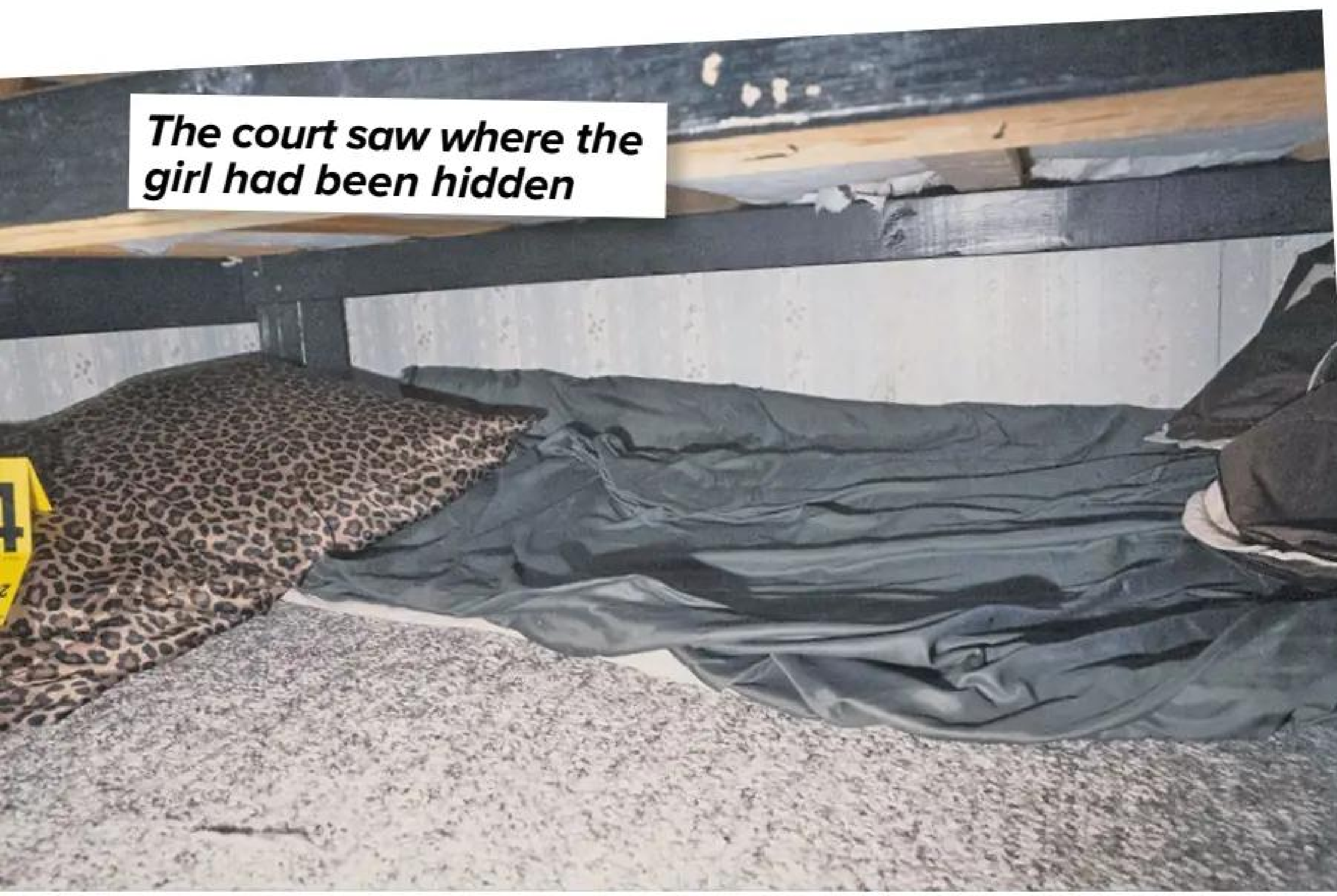
I will always have my freedom and he will not.

Sentencing Patterson to life in prison without the chance of parole, the judge said, 'There is no doubt in my mind that you are one of the most dangerous men to ever walk on this planet.'

He called Patterson the 'embodiment of evil'.

In a final statement to the court, Patterson claimed remorse. 'I don't care about me, I'm just so sorry,' he said, fighting back tears.

But his empty words can do nothing to erase the horror he inflicted on that innocent young girl and her beloved parents.



The court saw where the girl had been hidden

The police appealed to the public for information

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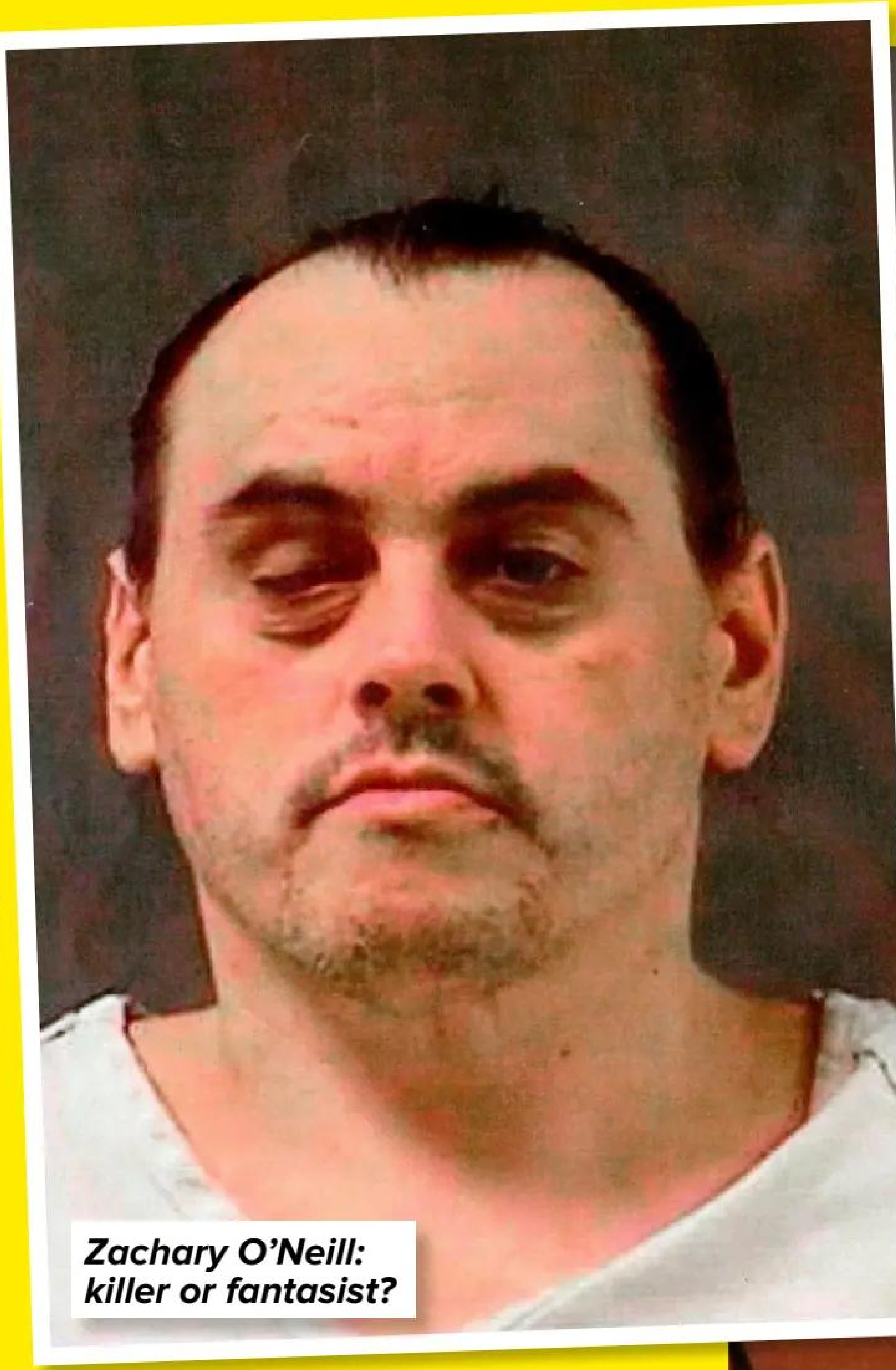
Cold case, cold heart



Zachary O'Neill: killer or fantasist?

A monster was on the loose for two painful decades

For 20 years, the family of 18-year-old Miranda Fenner desperately hoped for answers. Ever since the nightmare began on the evening of 15 November 1998.

Police were called to a video rental store in Laurel, Montana, where Miranda was working.

A report had come in from a passing motorist that a young woman had been seen crawling on her hands and knees – and covered in blood.

Arriving shortly after, officers discovered beloved Miranda. She'd been left for dead.

Multiple stab wounds plastered her mutilated body, her throat slashed.

She'd managed to crawl from the back of the shop to the front. And, somehow, the teenager survived for 90 agonising minutes.

But after being rushed to hospital, she succumbed to her injuries. Miranda had been brutally murdered.

Who would want to kill this innocent high-school graduate?

> **Who would want to kill this high-school graduate?**

Her killer left no evidence, didn't steal from the shop or from Miranda.

As authorities scrambled to find the perpetrator, they were left stumped.

Numerous people came forward, some even falsely claiming responsibility for the fatal attack.

Others made accusations about who had committed the heinous crime.

And though countless potential suspects were questioned, the police had nothing concrete.

Miranda's family reached out, offering a $25,000 reward (around £20,000) to anyone who could help find her killer. But years went by and the case went cold.

Until, in October 2013, police got a tip-off. A woman came forward with a story they hadn't heard before.

She said her ex-husband's son Zachary O'Neill was a 'very violent person'.

But what was more, she said O'Neill had gone out to rent a film from the shop where Miranda worked on the night of her killing.

But there was no evidence, no motive, no other information to build a case.

In 2016, O'Neill was admitted to a psychiatric ward of a hospital. There, he confessed to killing Miranda – but he also said he'd committed another murder that simply hadn't happened.

Police didn't consider him a credible suspect.

Then, a year later, 37-year-old O'Neill walked into a police station, tried to confess again. He was nervous and upset, confused and apprehensive.

O'Neill said he'd gone to the video rental shop on that fateful night almost 20 years before. He said he'd rented four films, including porn, which his mother had told him to take back.

But at the time, he'd had a drug habit, smoking

Miranda's photo appears at a news conference

methamphetamine earlier that day. On his way back, he decided to rob the shop to fund his habit.

Waiting for the shop to clear of customers, he pointed a gun at Miranda and demanded the money.

But fearing leaving an eyewitness, O'Neill took it one step further. Murder.

'I tried to slit her throat, but it [the knife] was too jagged. I could hear her gurgling on her own blood,' O'Neill told investigators.

Police were finally taking him seriously.

O'Neill also confessed to the rape and attempted murder of another woman in September 1998. Told police he'd tried to kill her, slitting her throat to avoid being caught for rape.

As he revealed fresh details, his confessions became more credible.

When his DNA matched with that of the attempted murder and rape case, the dots were finally joining up.

O'Neill was the man they'd been unable to track down for two decades. He was Miranda Fenner's killer.

Asked why he hadn't come forward sooner, he said that, at the time, he hadn't cared.

But over the years, he claimed he'd felt shame and regret over his actions.

The teenager was left for dead

In a July 2019 court case, Zachary O'Neill, 39, pleaded guilty to the murder of Miranda Fenner, as well as the rape and attempted murder of a second victim.

In August, he was sentenced.

Appearing in court, he wore a purple shirt and trousers. He was shackled, handcuffed.

Finally, justice was being served. And Miranda's family were there to see it happen.

'You are lucky that I am not the judge...'

As sentencing began, a police detective described the day O'Neill made his confession.

Then, the second victim made a statement: 'The worst day of my life, the day I fought evil in its purest form and survived.'

She told how the traumatic experience had led to years of depression, suicidal thoughts.

Bravely, Miranda's parents spoke, too.

'You are a vicious monster, not a human being. You deserve every horrible thing that comes your way. There is no forgiveness in my soul and remorse in my thoughts,' her mum Sherry Fenner said.

Her dad Mike asked for a severe punishment.

'You are lucky I am not the judge because I would have hung you to death,' he said.

At Mike's request, photos of his daughter were shown on a courtroom screen.

As O'Neill's lawyer Kris Copenhaver spoke, she tried to justify the defendant's actions. She explained he'd had a drug habit since the age of 10.

And she said he was no longer the same man who'd committed the horrific crimes.

'Zach has changed, and he will continue to change since he came forward to confess of these crimes to law enforcement,' she said.

O'Neill was handed three concurrent life sentences, eligible for parole after 30 years.

For Miranda Fenner's family, after two painful decades of waiting, they were given closure and justice for the loss of their young daughter.

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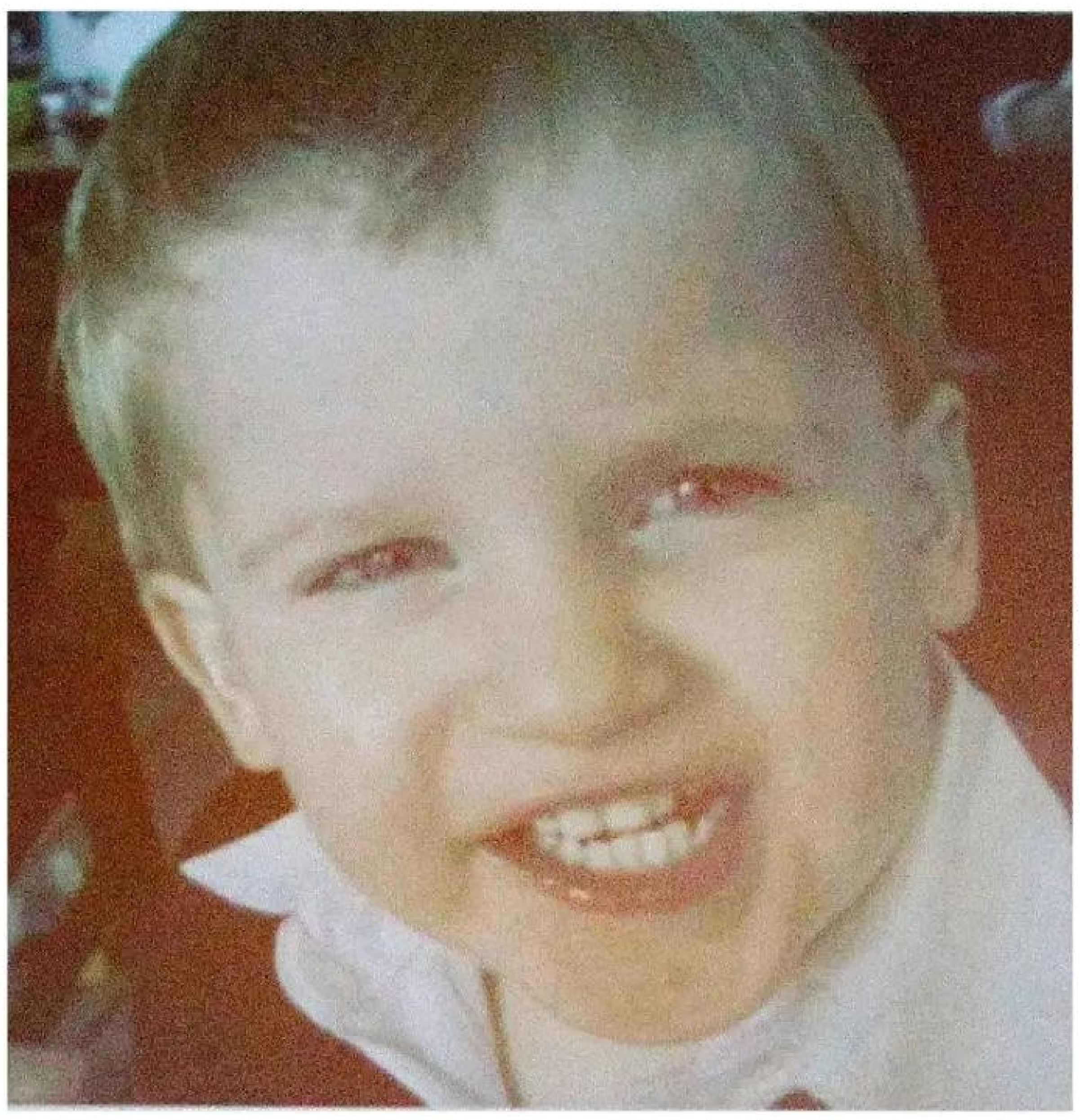
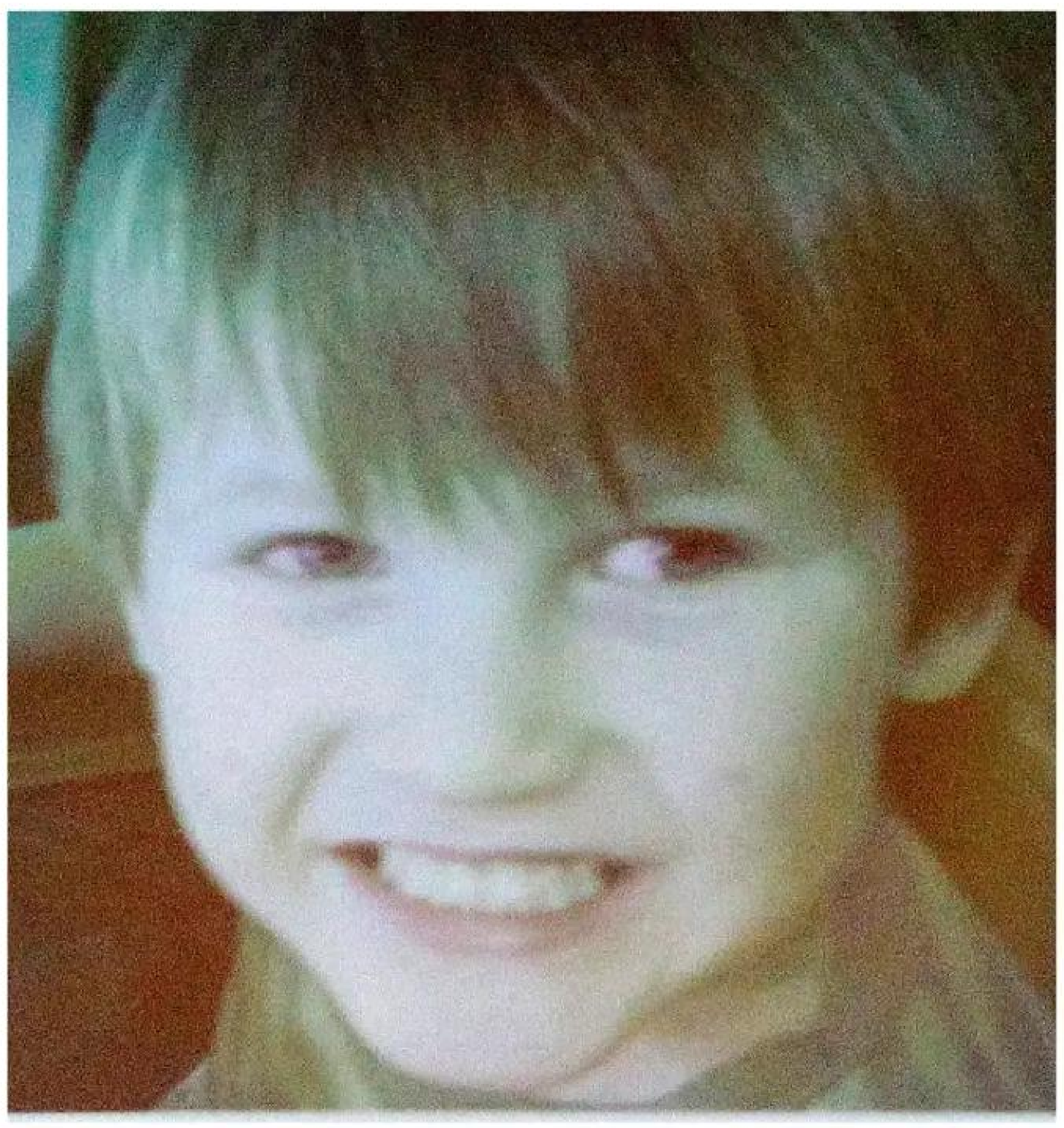
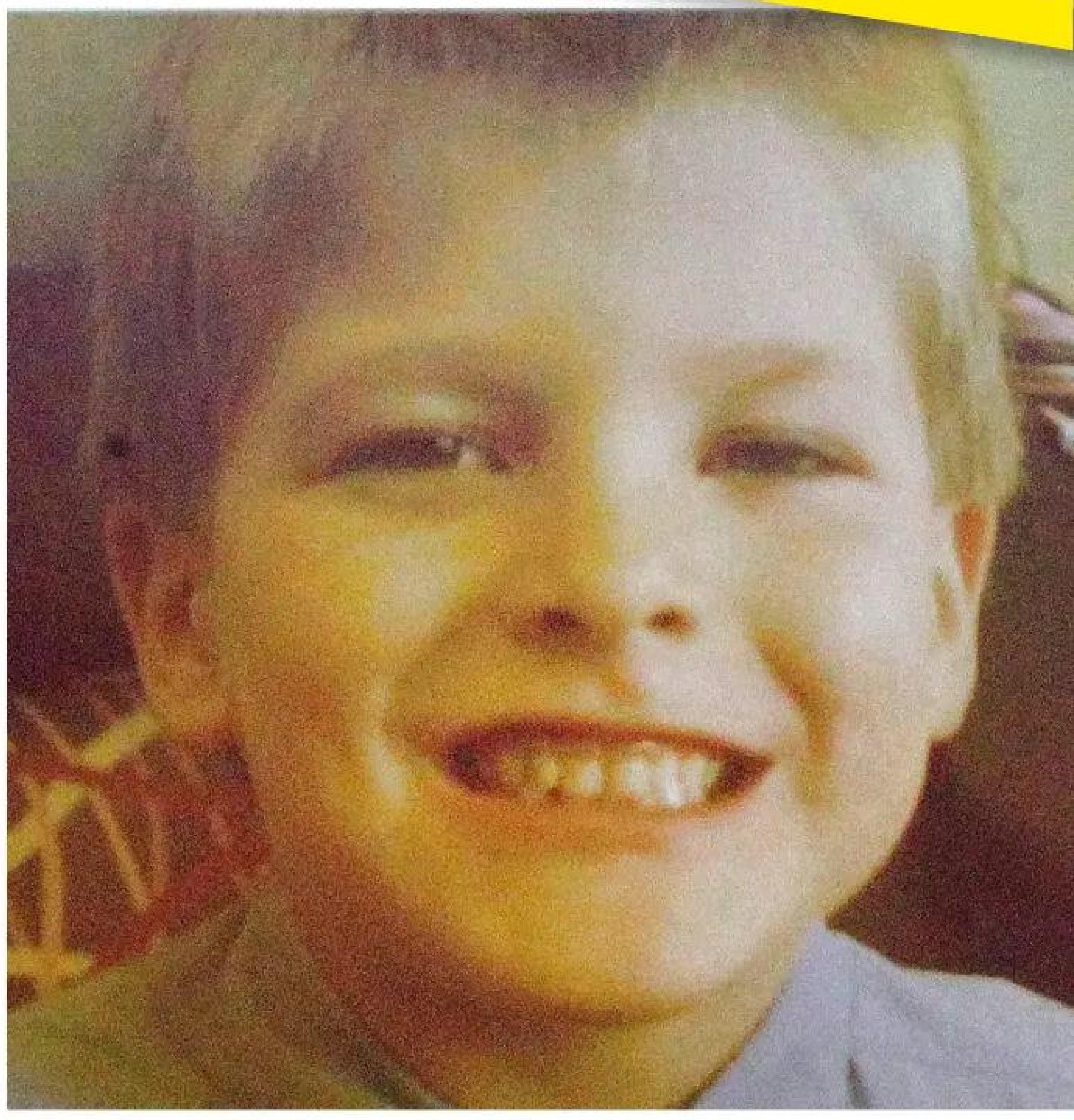






Five angels

Killed by the person who was supposed to protect them...

When the police stopped Timothy Jones at a checkpoint in Mississippi in August 2014, nothing could have prepared them for the utter horror that lay ahead.

Jones was agitated and high on drugs. His clothes were covered in blood.

The police officers were overwhelmed by the stench of decomposing bodies.

As they searched the vehicle, they couldn't work out where the smell was coming from.

It was then that Jones confessed – said he'd murdered his five children, driving around with them in the back of his car for days.

He said he'd dumped them in black bin bags and told the police to search on a hillside in Alabama.

And there they were – little Merah, 8; Elias, 7; Nahtahn, 6; Gabriel, 2, and Abigail, 1 – wrapped in bin bags, as Jones had said.

As the news broke, shock spread nationwide.

What possessed a father to murder his children?

The children's mother Amber was heartbroken.

She'd handed custody to her ex-husband after their divorce in 2011, as he earned more money than her.

The dirt track leading to where the bodies were found

She was adamant that Jones was a good father during their marriage. He had a respectable job as a computer engineer.

There was no sign that he was capable of such evil.

The marriage had fallen apart after Amber was said to have had an affair with a 19-year-old.

She moved out of the family home, leaving her husband devastated.

To those who knew the family, Jones was a loving dad, raising his kids alone in South Carolina.

To those who knew the family, he was a loving dad

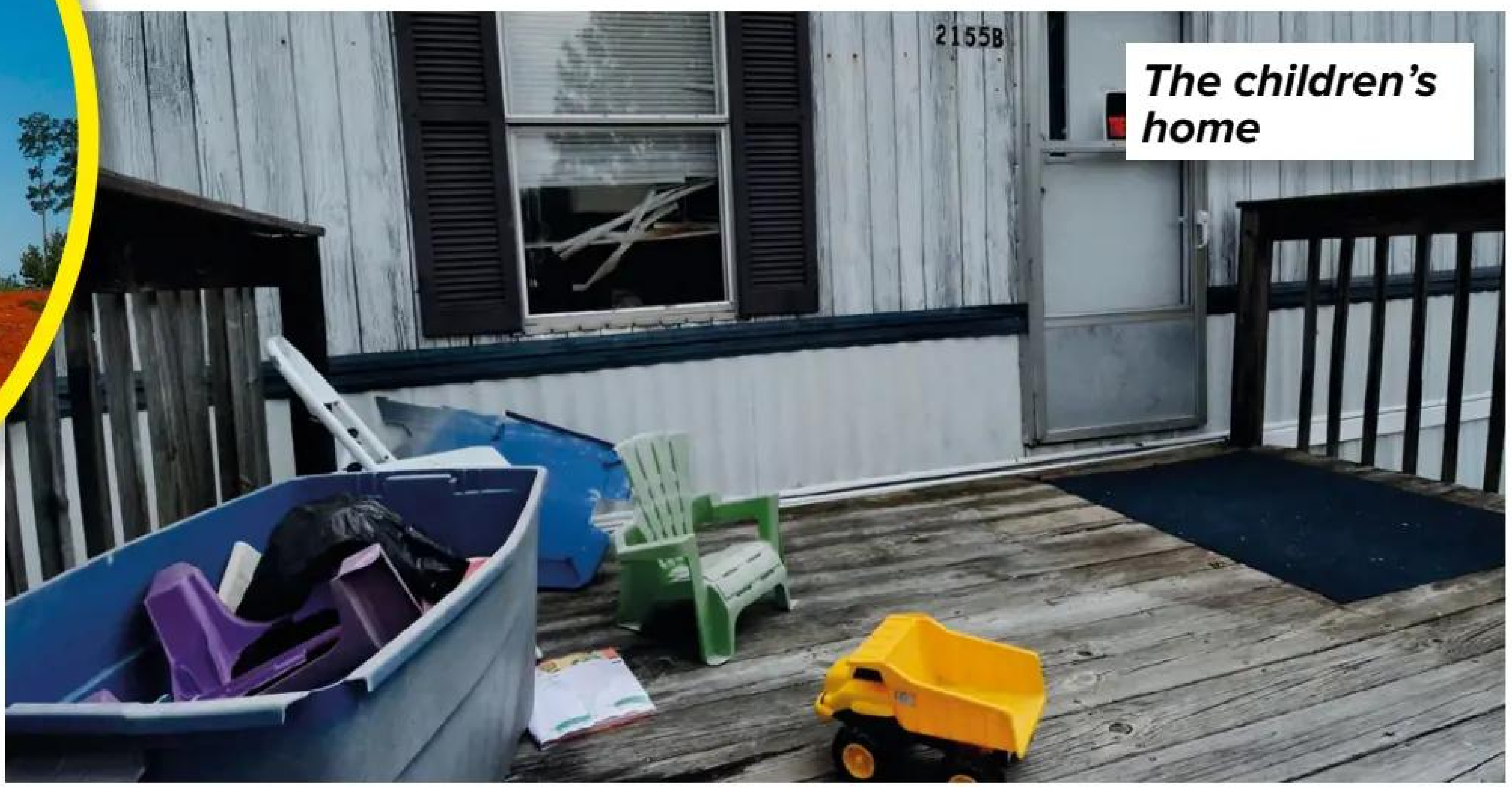
But, at his trial in Lexington County in May 2019, the jury heard another side to the story.

Crystal Ballentine – one of Jones' former babysitters and single mum of a baby girl herself – said she was just 17 when she first met Jones, in 2012.

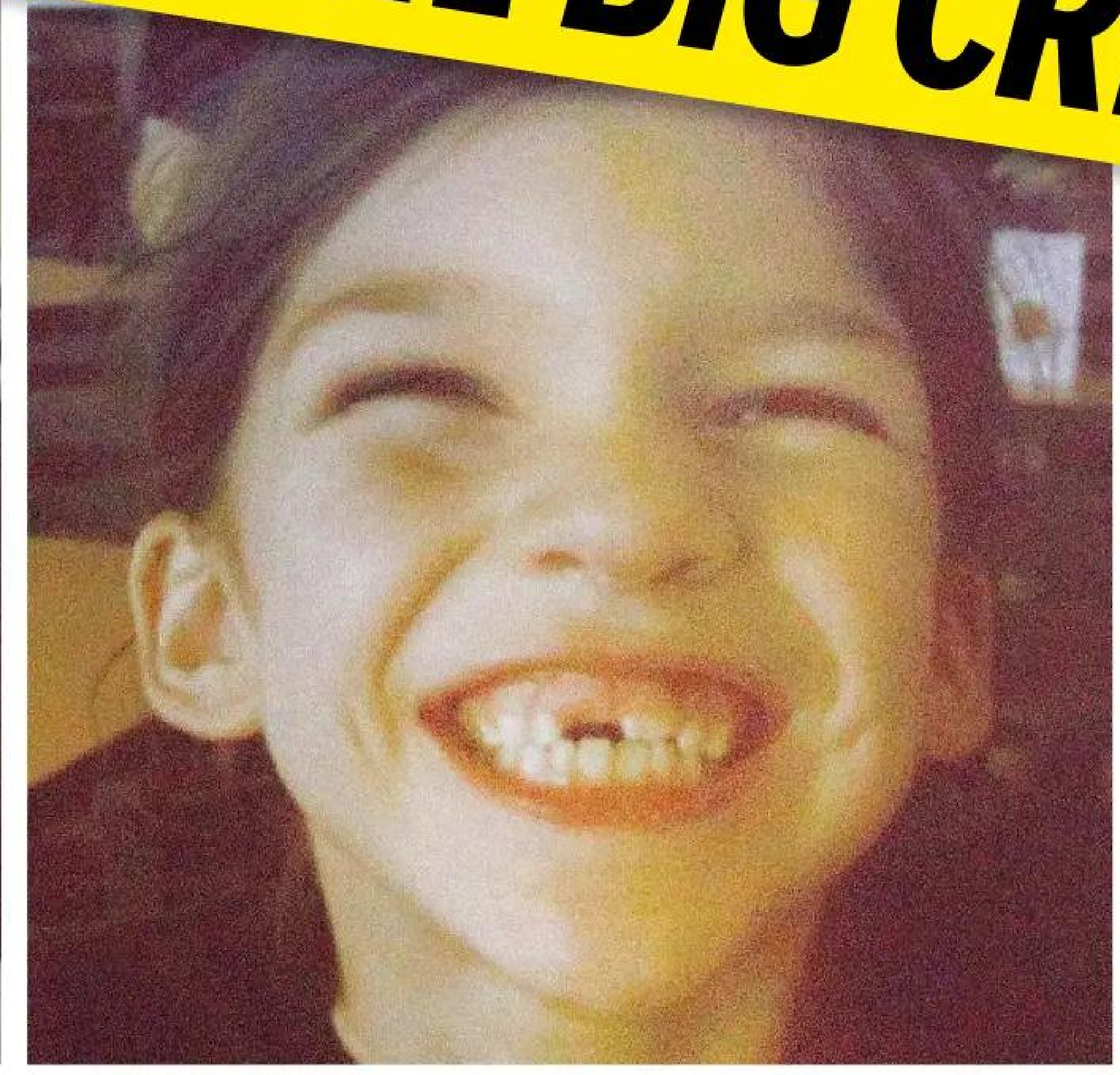
She worked from 7am to 6pm, looking after Jones' kids and doing chores in the home. It wasn't long before she and Jones, then 30, were in a relationship.

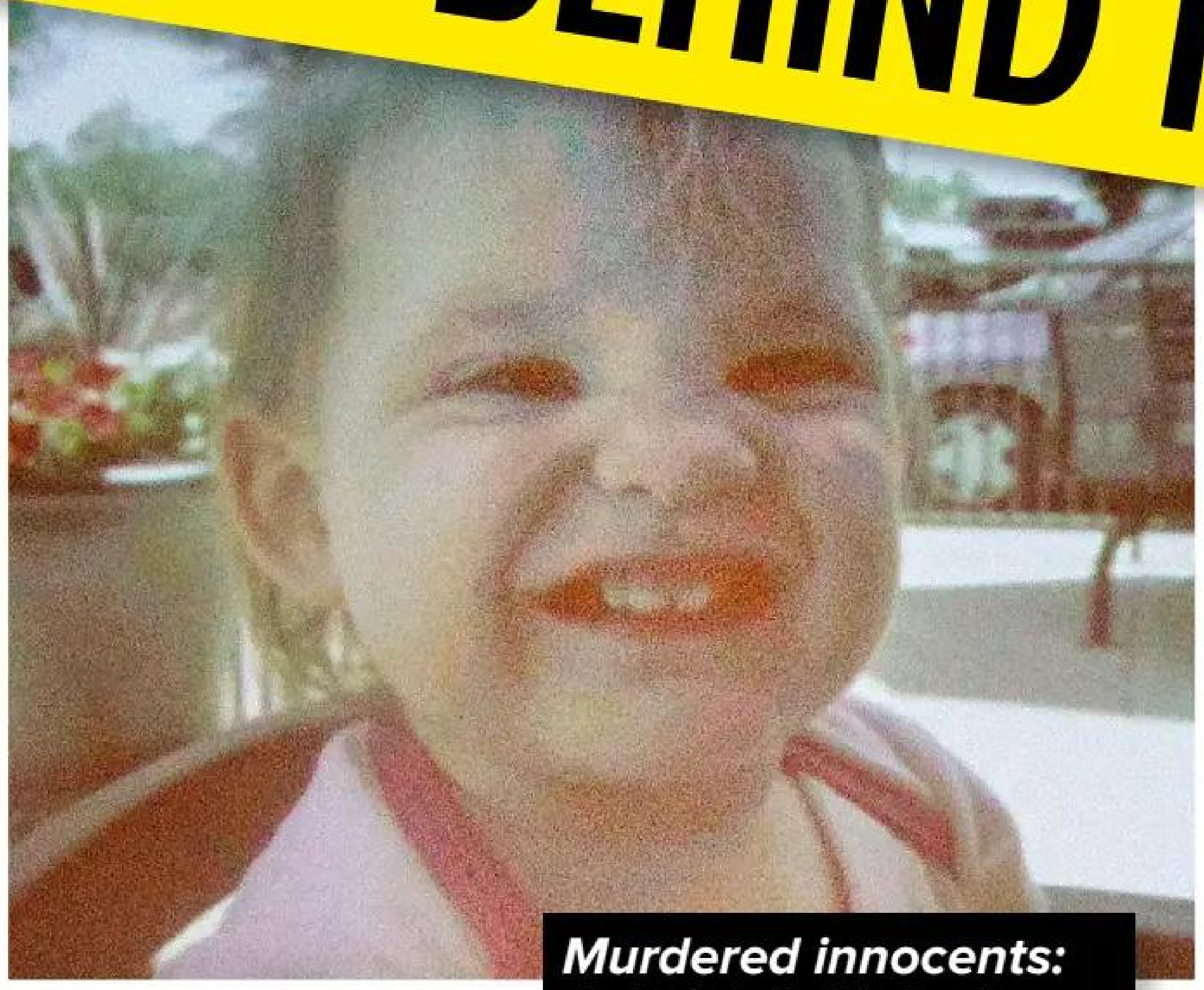
But, soon, Crystal noticed Jones had started to beat the children. Sometimes he made them stand on their tiptoes in the corner.

She told the court Jones even tried to whip her own daughter when she was less than a year old – the final straw for Crystal. She ended the relationship.



The children's home





Murdered innocents: Gabriel, 2; Nahtahn, 6; Elias, 7; Merah, 8, and baby Abigail, 1

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Timothy Jones confessed

But it didn't stop Jones from handing out more brutal punishment to his five innocent children.

Another babysitter, Joy Lorick, told the court she accompanied Jones and his children on a visit to Disney World in June 2014 – just eight weeks before the children were killed.

Joy told the court she'd seen Jones pull down the pants of little Gabriel and Nahtahn to beat them.

And Joy testified the children had asked her, 'Could you not tell Daddy you just fed us, because he might not feed us again?'

But why had Jones killed his five children?

The confession came from Jones himself. He told psychiatrists that, on the night of 28 August 2014, he had an angry confrontation with little Nahtahn.

Just 6 years old, Nahtahn had allegedly broken an electrical outlet.

As punishment, Jones forced him to do various strenuous exercises.

Later that night, Jones found the child dead in bed.

But, instead of calling an ambulance, Jones panicked, spent hours thinking about what to do.

He decided his five children should be together in heaven.

So he strangled Merah and Elias, using his hands, then used a belt to choke Gabriel and Abigail.

He wrapped their bodies in plastic and bundled them into the back of his truck.

Driving around frantically, he stopped off at various places to buy drugs.

For nine days, Jones drove around in a daze, his dead children in the back of the car.

He searched online for ways to make bodies decompose faster. Then he researched countries that didn't extradite criminals back to the US.

Jones was under no illusion about what he'd done.

Finally, he found a spot in rural Alabama and dumped his children on a hillside.

Jones' lawyers claimed he was deep in the throes of mental illness when he killed his children.

They said that his sanity was damaged by his wife leaving him for a teenager.

'He's crazy,' lawyer Boyd Young told jurors. 'You can't rationalise crazy. But at the time, he thought it was the right thing to do.'

Lawyers said he was in the throes of mental illness

Then the defence called a social worker, who detailed several levels of trauma within Jones' family.

The horror included three generations of rapes, molestation by family members, gunshots, stabbings, drug deals, voodoo rituals, prostitution, frequent screaming fights, and swearing at children.

The court also heard how Jones' own mother dipped him in ice-water baths and gave him laxatives to try to make him behave.

Even Amber, the grieving mother of five dead children, begged the jury not to give her ex-husband the death sentence.

'He did not show my children any mercy by any means,' said Amber. 'But my kids loved him, and if I'm speaking on behalf of my kids and not myself, that's what I have to say.'

But, in June 2019, the jury's verdict was unanimous. Jones should face the death penalty. Days later, Jones launched an appeal against his conviction and sentence. At the time of writing, he's on Death Row, knowing he can never truly pay the price for the innocent lives he stole.

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She was ready to change her life…someone decided to end it

When Sara Zghoul, 28, confided in her mum Chrysanne that she wanted a fresh start, it was the moment her family had been waiting for.

With her olive skin and long, brunette hair, Sara was beautiful. She'd worked as a model and a voice-over actor, but her biggest achievement was becoming a mum.

She was devoted to her 8-year-old son.

But in recent years, her life in Oregon, USA, had taken a wrong turn. Mixing with a bad crowd, she'd become addicted to crystal meth and heroin.

Now, in January 2018, she'd told her mum she was ready to make big changes.

The close-knit Jordanian-American family couldn't have been happier. They were willing to do all they could to support her through her escape from addiction.

So, later that day, Chrysanne took Sara to Providence St Vincent Medical Center to seek immediate help, only to find it was fully booked.

They agreed Sara should check into a nearby hotel and go back to the hospital the next day for treatment.

Little did either of them know that, when they said goodbye that night, it would be the last time they'd ever see each other.

Alone in the hotel room, Sara became desperate for drugs. Despite her determination to get clean, she craved one last hit.

She called convicted drug dealer Jeremiah Johnston.

In recent years, Sara's life had taken a wrong turn

Johnston arrived at the hotel, picked up Sara and drove her to his mother's house in Aloha, just half a mile from her own home.

But, when he confronted Sara about an unpaid debt and she refused to pay him, he flew into a terrible rage.

He tied Sara to a chair with duct tape, and when she escaped, he threw her down the stairs. Sara hit her head against a wall and the injury made her vomit.

When she asked Johnston to let her shower, he agreed. But his sudden turn of sympathy didn't last. While she was in the bathroom, he grabbed a knife from the kitchen.

Then he dragged Sara down to the basement, tied her hands and pounced on her. Climbing on top of her, Johnston viciously slit Sara's throat.

Johnston watched callously as the life drained from the vulnerable mother. Sickeningly, he then went for a nap, as if nothing had ever happened.

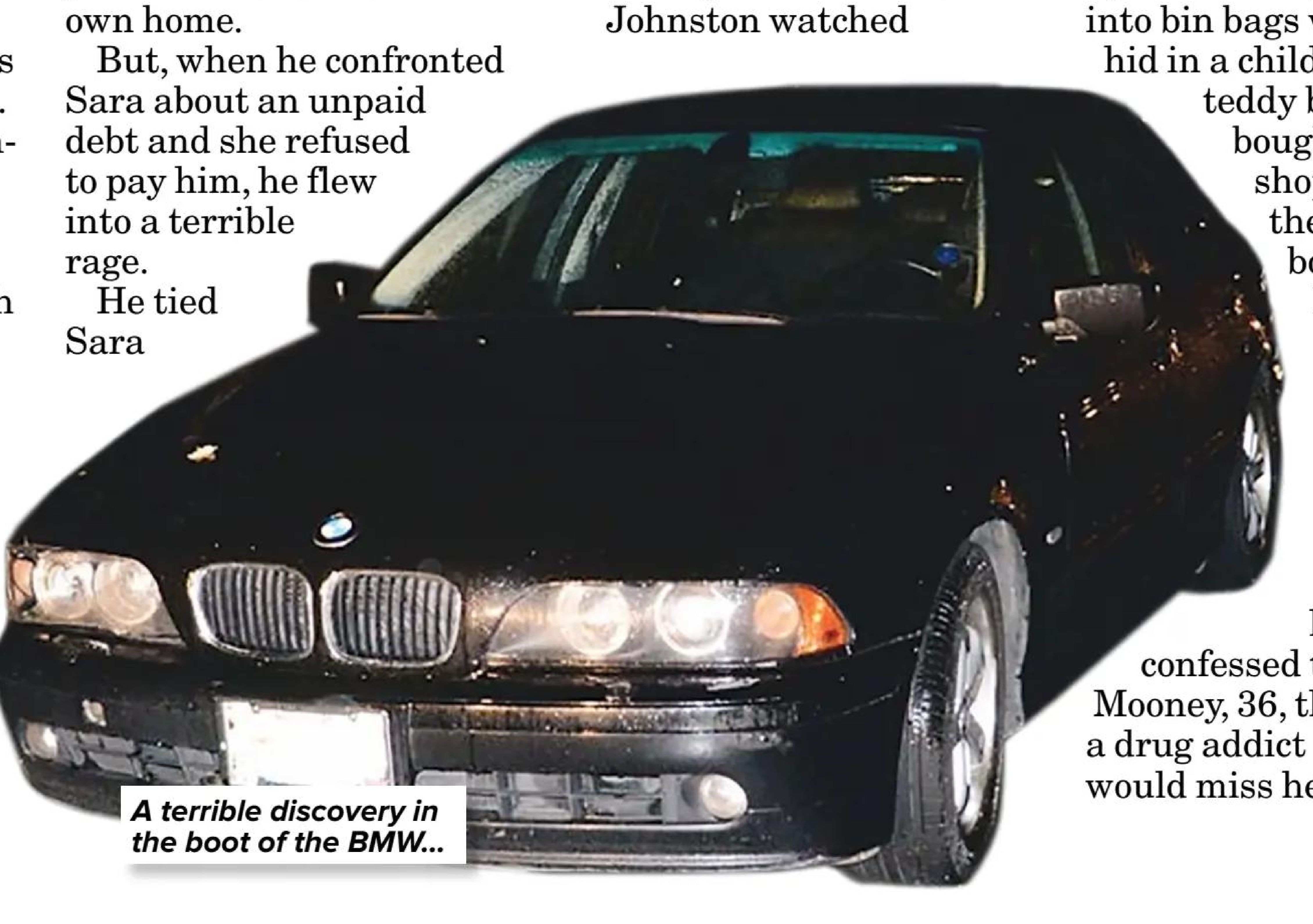
During Sara's gruesome murder, her mum texted her to check she was OK.

Taking Sara's phone, Johnston sent Chrysanne a message, pretending to be her daughter. He wrote that she'd changed her mind about rehab, planned to go away for a while.

Don't worry, he texted Chrysanne.

Afterwards, Johnston cut up Sara's body, stuffing it into bin bags which he then hid in a child's oversized teddy bear he'd bought from a local shop. He bundled the bear into the boot of his BMW and drove off.

But days later, Johnston slipped up, boasting to a friend of what he'd done. He confessed to Jeremy Mooney, 36, that he'd 'killed a drug addict and no one would miss her'.



A terrible discovery in the boot of the BMW…

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Sara had worked as a model, and was a devoted mum

Drug dealer Johnston

He even asked for advice on how to dispose of Sara's mutilated body.

But Jeremy was alarmed and quickly alerted the police, telling them where they could find the car with Sara's remains.

Johnston, getting wind of the fact that the police were looking for him, went into hiding in a nearby ravine.

It wasn't long before the police discovered the BMW with the teddy bear containing Sara's remains.

But her head was missing from the gruesome discovery.

Hours later, the police tracked down Johnston. Desperate to avoid being punished for his crime, Johnston tried to slash his own throat and wrists before the police restrained him and took him into custody.

In prison, while he was awaiting trial, Johnston tried to get fellow inmates to arrange the murder of his betrayer, Jeremy Mooney. His attempts were reported to prison guards and foiled.

Johnston's trial began at Washington County Court in December 2019. He pleaded guilty to first-degree murder, second-degree kidnapping, first-degree abuse of a corpse and conspiracy to commit first-degree murder.

She loved her family dearly, most of all her son

The details that emerged of Sara's grisly death were so disturbing that her dad Aref walked out of the packed courtroom.

But he was there, along with Chrysanne and Sara's three sisters and brother, to hear Johnston sentenced to life in prison.

Afterwards, Sara's sister Eman Noble tearfully addressed the court on behalf of her family.

'Sara loved her family very dearly... But mostly she loved her son. Her 8-year-old son who will spend the rest of his life without his mom by his side,' she said.

Johnston refused to disclose the whereabouts of Sara's severed head – until, in May 2021, Washington County sheriff officials and the Oregon Department of Corrections shared that he had finally revealed the location and her head was recovered.

Sara's death shocked the local community and devastated her loving family. They believed the young mum was on the verge of changing her life for the better.

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A nice guy w SNAPPED

What drove an unassuming worker to become one of America's most prolific murderers?

To his co-workers, engineer DeWayne Craddock, then 40, was quiet, polite and a 'nice guy'.

His work was deemed 'satisfactory' by his bosses at the Virginia Beach Department of Public Utilities, where he oversaw water and sewer projects.

And the morning of 31 May 2019 started out like any other working day of his 15-year service.

Arriving at the office just after 7am, DeWayne logged on to his computer, checked his emails, surfed the web.

But, at 10.30am, he did do something out of the ordinary.

I want to officially put in my two weeks notice, he wrote in an email to his bosses.

It has been a pleasure to serve the City, but due to personal reasons, I must relieve my position.

Later that day, it was agreed his last working day would be in two weeks, on 14 June 2019.

But DeWayne wouldn't serve that last day or go on to find another job…

After sending his email of resignation, the engineer carried on with his day as normal.

He sent further work-related emails and visited project sites as part of a routine inspection process in the afternoon.

Returning from his rounds towards the end of the day, DeWayne was spotted in the bathroom brushing his teeth, by fellow engineer Joseph Scott.

He was about to become a mass murderer…

'Hey, how you doing?' Joseph asked him.

'OK,' Craddock replied.

'Any plans for the weekend?' Joseph asked.

'No,' he said.

'Well, have a good day,' Joseph said to DeWayne.

It would be one of the last conversations that DeWayne would ever have.

Because he was about to become a mass murderer…

Despite his calm demeanour, just five minutes later, at 4pm, DeWayne Craddock walked out of his building, armed

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People pay their respects at a makeshift memorial

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Victims named at a news conference

Craddock: what went through his mind that day?

with a .45 handgun with a silencer.

He shot and killed a contractor outside the three-storey Virginia Beach Municipal Center, which housed around 400 workers.

And it was also the building Craddock had searched online for a map of, earlier that very morning.

Using his employee pass to gain access, he went from floor to floor on a lethal rampage, killing fellow workers, one by one.

It took the police just two minutes to arrive at the scene of the crime. They cornered Craddock in a room, and after a 30-minute exchange of fire, he was eventually shot, although still conscious.

The officers tried their best to administer first-aid to Craddock to save his life.

But it was to no avail. He was pronounced dead at a Virginia Beach hospital less than an hour later.

DeWayne Craddock had killed 12 of his colleagues and injured four others, across all three floors of the building.

As workers were escorted out of the building, following the attack, many had to step over the bodies of their dead workmates.

At the time, the Virginia Beach shooting, as it came to be known, was the worst in the US since the Thousand Oaks shooting of November 2018.

Twenty-eight-year-old Ian David Long had gone into a bar and grill in Los Angeles, California, and killed 12 people before turning his gun on himself.

But why did DeWayne Craddock target the colleagues he'd sat beside for the last 15 years? What had made him gun down innocent people, many with children and families?

Unanswered questions plagued the authorities. The police launched an extensive investigation into Craddock's personal and professional life, desperate to find a motive. Surely something had triggered the killing spree?

It was found that, after a divorce, he had become isolated from his family. Relatives described him as 'introverted,' 'paranoid' and 'uncomfortable around people', while he was described by neighbours as quiet and 'rarely smiling'.

But a thorough investigation found he'd never threatened anyone at work, never laid a hand on a co-worker – even the ones he'd now killed.

The quiet engineer had no criminal record

Nor did the police enquiries find that Craddock was under any financial strain, had any health problems or that he had sought help for his mental health.

And, apart from a few traffic violations, the quiet engineer had no criminal record – a clean slate now shattered.

It was found, however, that in recent years, he had began purchasing guns, body armour and silencers. He had also spent many hours online, reading newspaper accounts of other mass killings.

Though insightful, these findings didn't pinpoint a definitive motive for his murderous rampage.

After conducting over 700 interviews and examining thousands of emails and online documents, the police still don't know what led the 'nice guy' to open fire that fateful afternoon.

The police completed their inquiry in September 2019 but could not find anything to fully explain Craddock's motives. For now, the questions of the victims' families remain unanswered. And, for many of the bereaved, they may never know why their loved ones' lives were stolen that ordinary afternoon in May.

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Killer on th kids' ward

What could possibly explain the high number of mysterious baby deaths at these hospitals?

Genene Jones seemed like any other nurse in the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit. A woman with an aspiration to save lives and look after children.

She joined a hospital in San Antonio, Texas, USA, in 1979, a year after starting training to become a licensed vocational nurse.

Before then, she'd been a beautician. A divorcee, Genene, then 27, had two young children, so it seemed a natural path to bring her maternal nature to nursing.

At the hospital, she was in charge of some of the sickest patients. Tiny babies having lifesaving treatment, children on the brink of death.

Sadly, some didn't make it, though losing patients isn't uncommon in any hospital. Still, strangely, over the next five years, around 47 infants in the unit died under suspicious circumstances.

They had all been admitted to the unit with common childhood symptoms, such as fevers or vomiting.

But while in Genene Jones' care, they mysteriously developed seizures and suffered cardiac arrests.

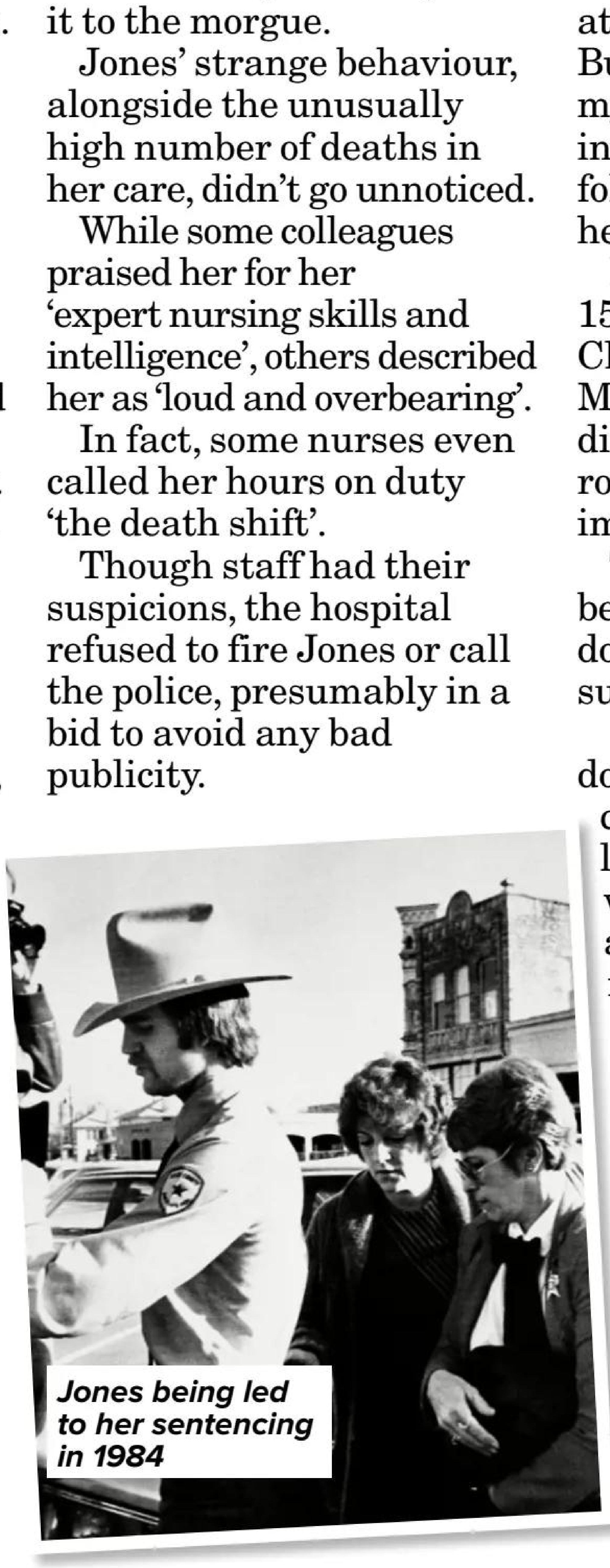
Witnesses claimed that, following the death of a child, Jones would prepare the body and sing to it before she'd personally take it to the morgue.

Jones' strange behaviour, alongside the unusually high number of deaths in her care, didn't go unnoticed.

While some colleagues praised her for her 'expert nursing skills and intelligence', others described her as 'loud and overbearing'.

In fact, some nurses even called her hours on duty 'the death shift'.

Though staff had their suspicions, the hospital refused to fire Jones or call the police, presumably in a bid to avoid any bad publicity.



Jones being led to her sentencing in 1984

Instead, it discharged all of its licensed vocational nurses under the guise of upgrading to more qualified registered nurses.

Jones moved on to another paediatric role at a clinic in Kerrville, Texas. But, there, dozens more mysterious illnesses and infant deaths followed her into her new role.

Some nurses called her hours on duty 'the death shift'

In 1982, 15-month-old Chelsea McClellan died after routine immunisation jabs.

Tests revealed that she'd been injected with a lethal dose of the muscle relaxant succinylcholine.

Suspicious, a group of doctors reported Jones. A criminal investigation was launched and, in 1984, she was convicted of murder and sentenced to 99 years in prison.

Other tragic cases under her care suddenly looked even more suspicious.

A few months later, Jones was charged again, this time for trying to kill 4-week-old Rolando Santos. While in San Antonio, Jones injected the tot with a lethal dose of heparin, a blood-thinning agent that caused massive bleeding.

Baby Rolando survived.

Jones was found guilty of attempted murder and handed an additional 60 years on top of her existing prison time.

But, despite the lengthy sentences, Jones was scheduled for release in 2018, due to Texas' mandatory release law which allows 'well behaved' inmates to complete their sentences sooner.

Designed to tackle prison overcrowding, it meant Jones would be free after serving just 34 years of her 159-year sentence.

However, Texas prosecutors were determined not to let her walk free.

They believed it was likely that Jones had killed dozens more children.

But the prosecution needed evidence – and collecting it wouldn't be easy.

Some of the incriminating hospital records from Jones' time in San Antonio were destroyed as part of the hospital's alleged cover-up at the time.

After much effort to build

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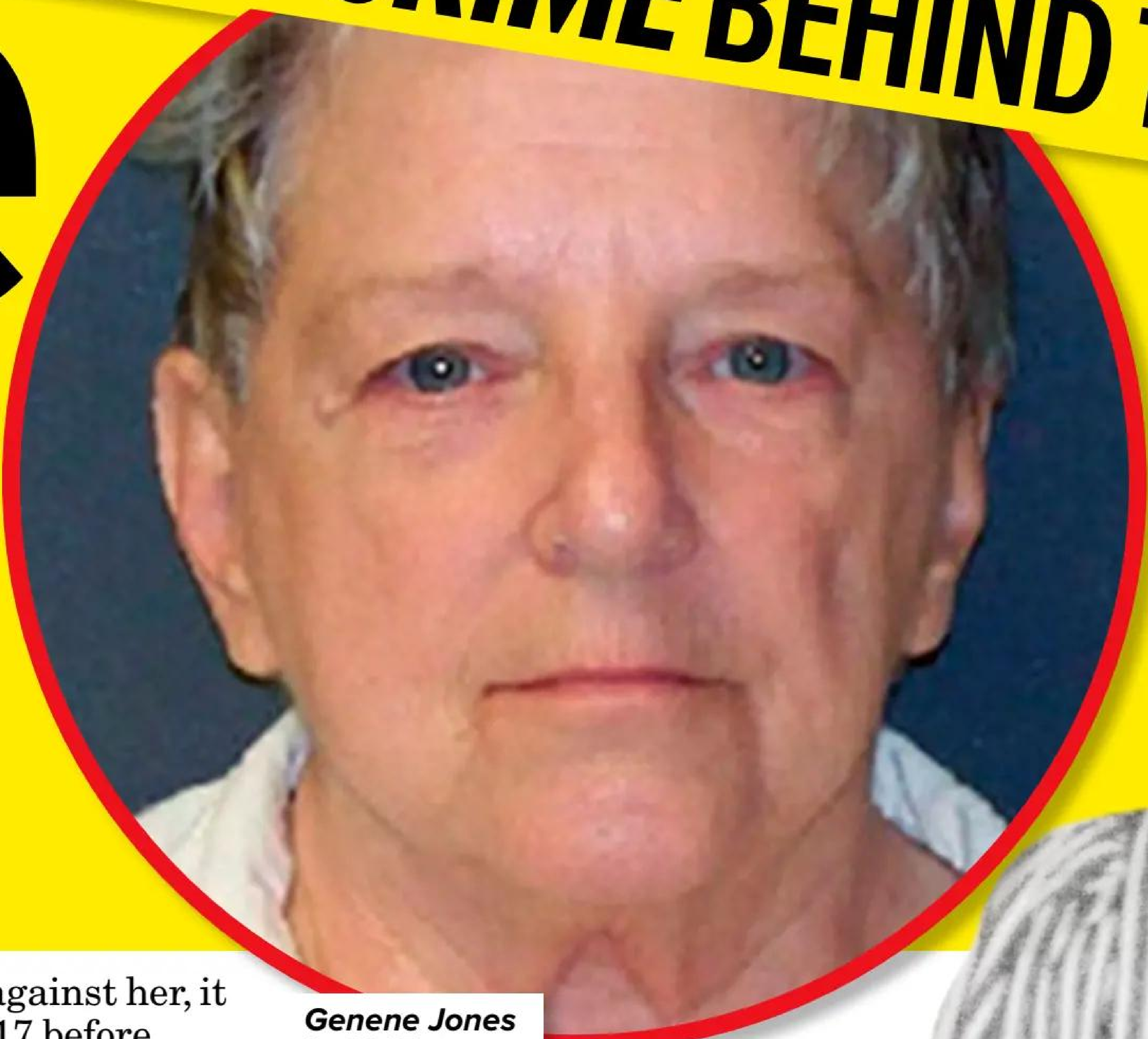

Genene Jones in 2017

Before her trial in 1984

a case against her, it was 2017 before Genene Jones was finally indicted for another murder.

The tot in question was Joshua Sawyer, who had mysteriously died during his time in Jones' care.

The boy had been in a coma when he arrived at hospital in December 1981 and was suffering from seizures due to smoke inhalation after a fire at his family's home.

Within days, his seizures stopped and he showed signs of improvement.

But that all changed when Jones took over his care. His condition suddenly worsened. He suffered multiple cardiac arrests before his heart stopped.

Lab reports showed there was over double the prescribed dose of an anti-seizure drug in his system.

The following month, Jones was charged again. This time, she was accused of murdering Rosemary Vega, a two-year-old with a congenital heart defect.

She'd died of cardiac arrest shortly after Jones administered an intravenous injection.

In 2019, Jones was charged with the murder of three more children – Richard 'Ricky' Nelson and Paul Villarreal in 1981, and Patrick Zavala in January 1982.

All of them had allegedly been injected with high doses of muscle relaxants or painkillers.

In January 2020, Genene Jones finally faced all five of these new murder charges.

In court, she pleaded guilty to killing 11-month-old Joshua Sawyer and got life. The four other murder charges were dropped in a plea bargain.

Judge Frank Castro told Jones, 'You took God's little precious gift: babies, defenceless, innocent… I truly believe your ultimate judgement is in the next life.'

While Jones serves time in prison, she leaves behind the grieving families of an estimated 60 children she may have killed.

Genene Jones – known as the Angel of Death and one of the most notorious killers in US history – is expected to die in prison.

Danger on board

Their journey home suddenly turned into a bloodbath

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Reading, listening to music or checking their mobiles, commuters on a packed, late-afternoon train in Portland, Oregon, USA, were eager to get home.

It was just like any other journey for most of them on 26 May 2017. But when Jeremy Christian, then 35, got on the train, the relaxed atmosphere catapulted into chaos.

People looked up, suddenly alert. His bellows filled the carriage as he shouted racist abuse at two African-American teenage girls.

'Go home, you shouldn't be here!' he spat furiously at Walia Mohamed and Destinee Mangum.

'We need Americans here!' Horrified onlookers watched Christian make a slicing motion with his hand across his neck.

Taliesin Namkai-Meche, then 23, sitting nearby, was also looking on in disgust.

Reaching for his phone, he began to film Christian ranting and raving.

Red-faced and angry, Christian continued to shout out anti-Muslim and racist abuse at the two female commuters, one of whom wore a headscarf.

'You're about to become an internet sensation,' retorted Taliesin as he filmed Christian.

But Christian spun round, rushed at him and grabbed his phone from his hand, throwing it to the floor.

Taliesin stood and squared up to Christian.

Meanwhile, two other passengers – Micah Fletcher, then 21, and Ricky Best, 53 – had also started to intervene.

The men told Christian to sit down and stop shouting.

Someone pressed an alarm button in the carriage to alert the driver.

But then, to the shock of fellow passengers, an enraged Christian pulled out a 4in folding knife from his pocket.

He began a frenzied attack on all three men, plunging the knife into their throats.

He stabbed them 11 times in 11 seconds – the attack was over in moments, but the fatal damage had been done.

All their fellow commuters could do was look on in horror and disbelief.

The men stood there, shock and pain on their faces. Clutching their necks, with blood running through their fingers.

People's screams became louder and louder.

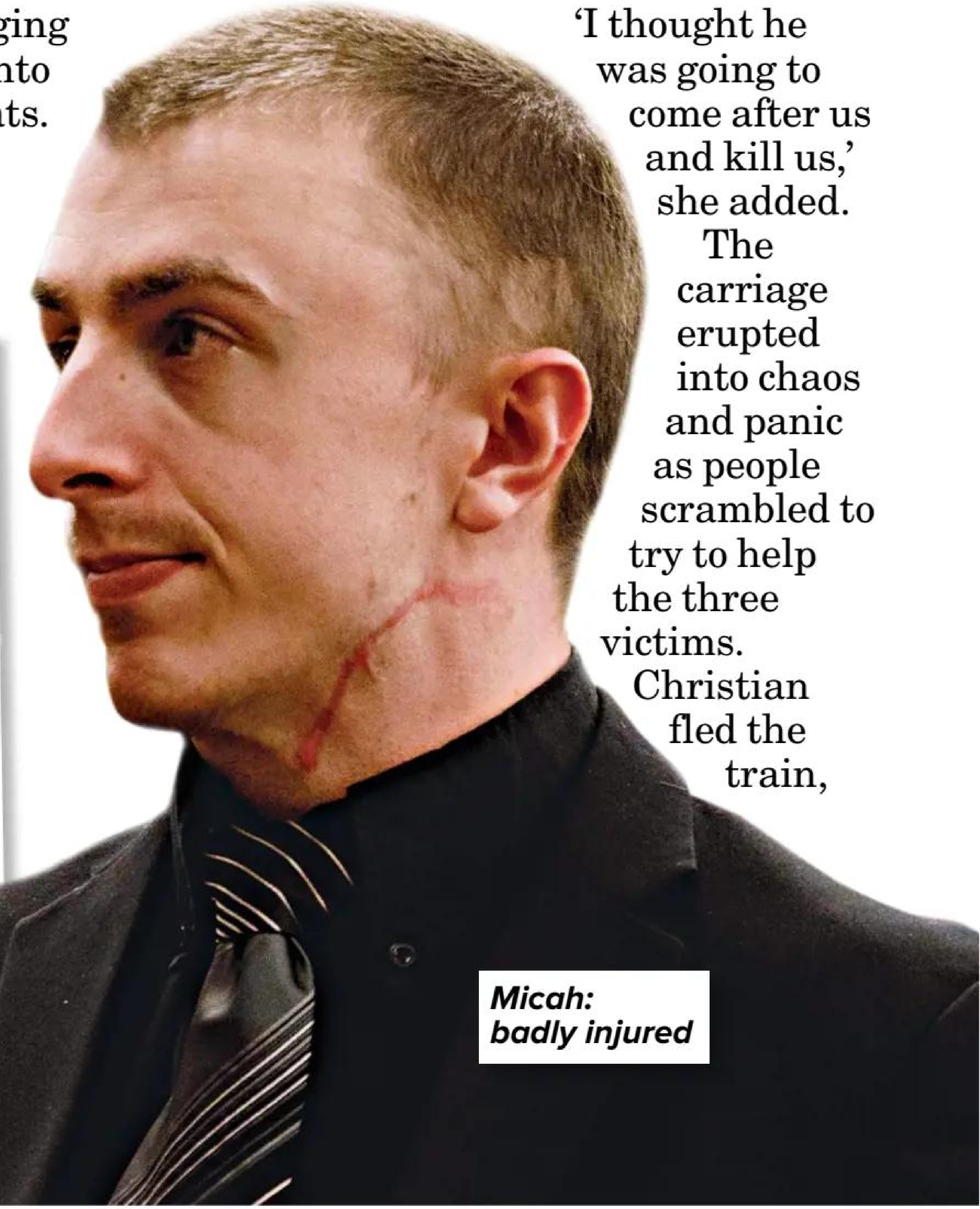
'We started running,' said one of the teenage girls – Walia, then 17 – afterwards.

'I thought he was going to come after us and kill us,' she added.

The carriage erupted into chaos and panic as people scrambled to try to help the three victims.

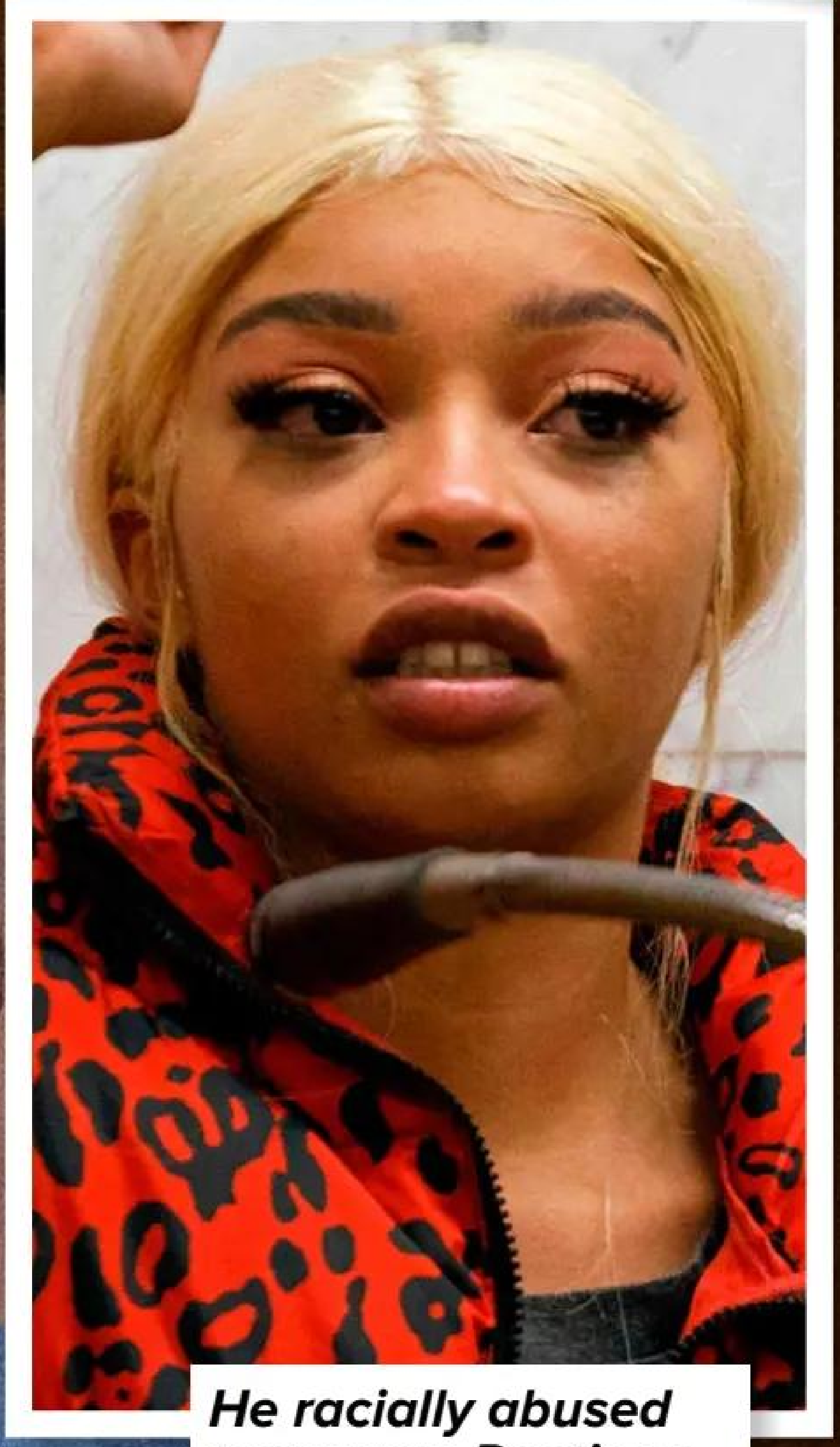
Christian fled the train,

Footage from the attack shown during the trial

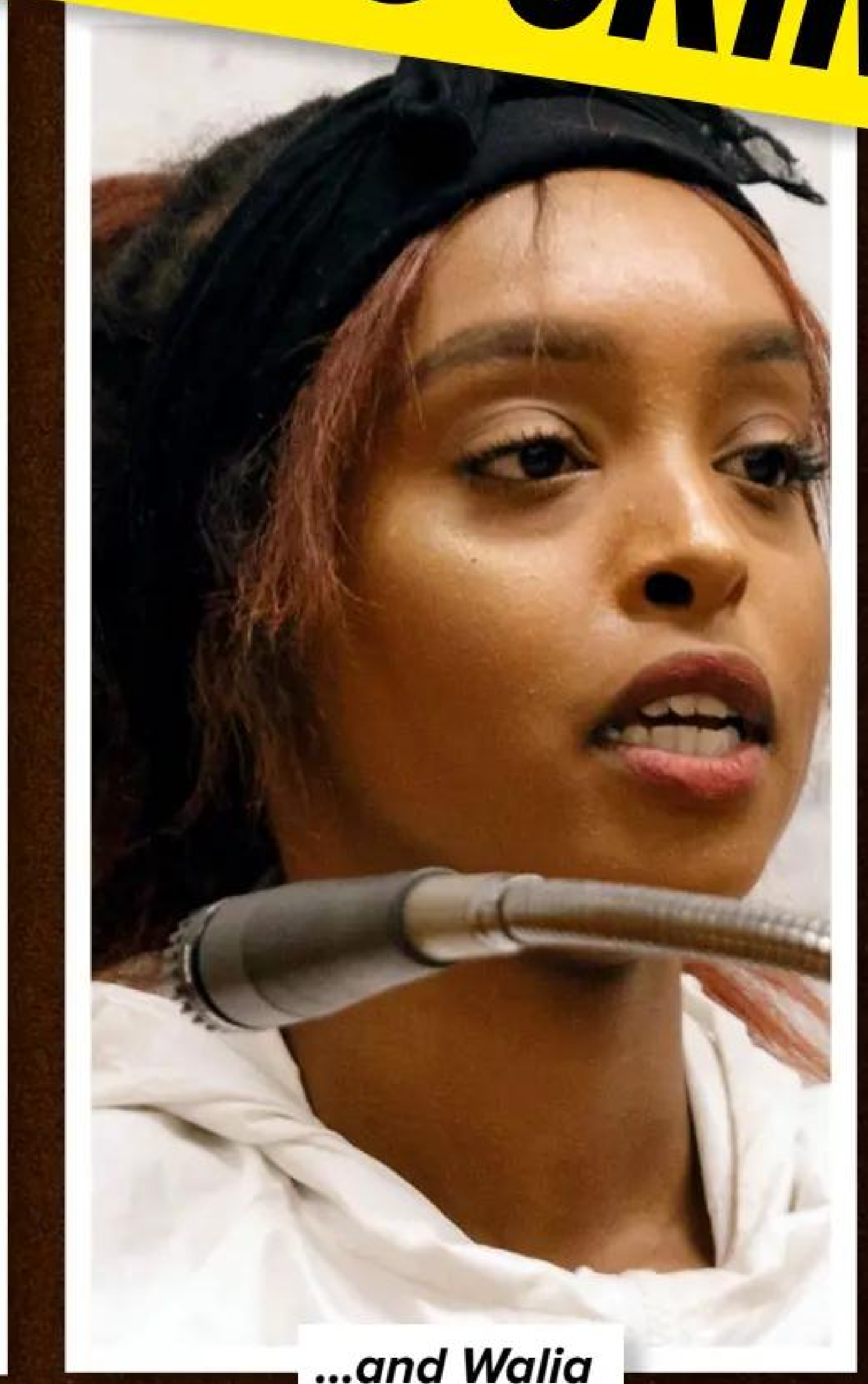


Micah: badly injured

The knifeman, Jeremy Christian



He racially abused teenagers Destinee...



...and Walia

getting off at the next stop. 'Who else wants some?' he spat as he ran down the platform.

He was arrested shortly after, a few roads from the train station.

'I can die in prison, a happy man,' he said.

Seriously wounded, Taliesin Namkai-Meche, a graduate working as a consultant, said, 'I want everybody on the train to know I love them.'

Then he passed away.

Ricky Best, an Army veteran and father of four, also died on the train.

Incredibly, despite being stabbed in the jugular vein, Micah Fletcher survived.

Witnesses described the horrific scene, the blood.

'Like you would see when a wave finishes hitting the ocean... It was lapping down the aisle,' one later said of Best's injury.

'So I knew every time his heart beat, that he was bleeding to death,' he added.

So how could a routine journey home end in such terrible bloodshed?

In the days that followed, photos and videos emerged of Christian, a white supremacist, speaking heatedly at a far-right rally.

Making the Nazi salute, he wore an American flag wrapped around his neck and held a baseball bat.

The community was stunned by the attack, and the two teenagers, Walia, and Destinee, 16, publicly thanked the good Samaritans who had lost their lives or been injured trying to defend them.

As Jeremy Christian awaited trial, there was a shocking twist.

In November 2017, homeless George Elwood Tschaggeny, 51, pleaded guilty to stealing Ricky Best's wedding ring from his finger as he lay dying on the train.

Tschaggeny was wearing the ring when officers arrested him about a week after the stabbings.

He also admitted stealing Ricky Best's wallet and used his credit card five times. The heartless thief was sentenced to 13 months.

During Christian's trial in February 2020, the two teenage assault victims described how they thought constantly of the two men who died as heroes while defending them.

A video of Christian's attack was played in court and Destinee wiped tears from her eyes as the recorded sounds of her terrified screams filled the courtroom.

Also in court, it emerged Christian had followed a black woman off a train the day before the attack.

She described how he threw a bottle at her 'like a bullet', which hit her in the eye.

The two men died as heroes defending the girls

Survivor, Micah Fletcher, clearly upset and shaken, with a huge scar across his neck, gave evidence during the trial.

Breaking down before the court, he described how he had tried to save the other men.

'I just wasn't strong enough,' he wept.

Christian, 37, sat expressionless after a jury found him guilty of 12 charges, including two counts of first-degree murder, attempted murder, assault and intimidation.

A parole and probation officer who supervised Christian in 2011, following a conviction for carrying a gun, said he was a danger to the public.

He said he believed Christian to have a 'pro-criminal, pro-violence belief system' and that he was likely to commit more violent acts if he was ever freed from prison.

County District Attorney Rod Underhill said, 'Our community continues to feel the profound impact from this violent and racist attack that happened more than two years ago.'

'While we are pleased with today's verdict, we continue to focus our efforts toward helping the families of the victims,' he added.

In June 2020, Jeremy Christian was sentenced to life in prison, without the possibility of parole.

Her parents in court

Justic Jaime

When Jaimee Mendez went missing back in November 2014, her family was in despair.

The young mum, from Swampscott, Massachusetts, had been out with a man.

And the last anyone heard from Jaimee was when she'd called her friend.

During the phone call, Jaimee had admitted she was scared, telling her pal that the man she was with made her feel nervous.

In fact, he was a convicted sex offender – and Jaimee said that he was acting weirdly and that she wanted to leave.

> Fleury had a long and violent criminal record

Concerned, Jaimee's friend offered to pick her up. But when he arrived, she was nowhere to be seen and her phone was switched off.

That night, Jaimee didn't go home. Her friends and family were beside themselves with worry.

Jaimee, 25, was diabetic and, without insulin, she'd be in trouble.

She could only go four days without medication.

Jaimee's disappearance was so out of character. She had a 5-year-old son who had severe autism and the boy meant absolutely everything to her.

She'd never spent a day away from him, took him everywhere and adored being a mother.

But what Jaimee's loved ones didn't know was that she was coping with a private struggle.

She'd become addicted to prescription drugs, after suffering with a painful condition linked to her diabetes.

But, as months had passed, prescription drugs hadn't been enough. Jaimee found herself using heroin and soon was hooked.

A missing-person inquiry was launched and the police started their search.

Soon after, investigators found Jaimee's phone, jacket and ID dumped in an industrial area.

They confirmed that, wherever Jaimee was, she did not have her insulin with her. Her family knew it was a race against the clock.

A short time later, the police found Jaimee's trainers, a rug, and men's clothing in a bin.

Officers started searching wooded areas. Sadly, it wasn't a case of pinning posters to lamp posts.

Instead, the police sent sniffer dogs into the woods.

It was then that Jaimee's devastated father Steven realised…they were searching for a body.

A man named Jason Fleury, 37, was interviewed.

He admitted he'd been with Jaimee on the night she died, but he said that he had nothing to do with her disappearance.

Yet Fleury had a long and violent criminal record, filled with allegations of abuse against women.

In the 90s, he'd pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting a teenage girl in Virginia.

Was this the man Jaimee had told her friend about on the phone?

Without evidence, the police couldn't charge him.

And, a month later, there was still no sign of Jaimee.

Her grieving family and friends were forced to mourn their loss without knowing what had happened to their precious girl.

Would they ever know..?

Then, on 28 January 2015, a man was out for a walk with his dog on King's Beach in Swampscott.

The dog walker made a horrific discovery – a skull and some bones washed up on the shore.

They were tangled in lobster traps and fishing netting, churned out of the sea by a violent storm.

Alarmed, the dog walker called the police.

The remains were collected and examined by forensic experts.

The skull was missing its jaw and front teeth, the arms

Sex offender: Jason Fleury

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Would a grieving family ever get the closure for which they yearned?

Police divers searching Floating Bridge Pond

Jaimee's sister, Alyssa, appealing for help at the crime scene

were without hands.

And then Jaimee's family received the news they'd been dreading.

The remains were those of their beloved girl.

But they were too decomposed for experts to determine what had happened to her.

The family were completely heartbroken. They finally had to accept that their beloved Jaimee would never again be coming home to them.

Parents left without their daughter. A little boy without his mother.

Now the police at last had the body, they were determined to get justice for Jaimee.

In August 2015, Jason Fleury was arrested on suspicion of the murder of Jaimee Mendez.

The police now had strong evidence against him.

They found her blood all over Fleury's van and he'd already admitted that he was with Jaimee on the night she died.

The police now had strong evidence against him

After the arrest, Jaimee's mother Michelle spoke to reporters, calling for justice.

'Him sitting in jail watching flat-screen TV is not going to be justice for me. I want to know what he did to my daughter.

'I want to know everything. The worst part is not knowing,' she said.

The family wanted to see Fleury sit through a trial. They wanted to know how Jaimee died and they wanted to know why.

And, more than anything, they wanted to see Jason Fleury face up to what he'd done to their family.

But in March 2018, Jaimee's family were handed another devastating blow.

Fleury had been offered a plea deal by the authorities. He'd been told if he pleaded guilty to Jaimee's manslaughter, he would be sentenced to 17 years behind bars.

Fleury accepted the deal.

It meant Jaimee's family would never see her killer stand trial.

They'd never get to know the details of what happened that fateful night.

Jaimee's body was far too decomposed for the cause of death to be determined.

The family would never get the closure they needed. And, what's more, they knew Fleury would one day have a taste of freedom.

The man responsible for Jaimee's death wouldn't receive the life sentence they desperately needed to help them move on.

When Michelle Mendez faced Jason Fleury in court, she didn't hold back. Her words said it all.

'You'll never get forgiveness from me. If you don't feel her yet, you will, and she'll torture you,' she said in impact statements. 'You took her from her son.'

The Mendez family will never know what happened to their daughter.

And now all they're left with is memories.

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Fatal fight for justice

A mum of four was killed defending what she loved

Scene of the murder

Ever since Berta Cáceres was a young girl, she'd had a strong sense of right and wrong.

Growing up in the 1980s in the Central American country of Honduras, she had watched her mum, a midwife, take in refugees pouring into the country as a result of violence in neighbouring El Salvador.

Her mother's caring approach rubbed off on Berta and, at university, she became a student activist.

And there was plenty to campaign about.

Berta was from the indigenous Lenca community, an ancient group of people who had inhabited land in Honduras for centuries.

Only government officials needed to meet a growing demand for cheap energy and were approving schemes to build mines and dams on Lenca land.

Berta wasn't happy to stand by as members of her community were uprooted from their homes.

In 1993, she co-founded a campaign group – the Civic Council of Popular and Indigenous Organizations of Honduras (COPINH).

Despite marrying and having four children, she spent hours every day writing petitions and organising protests to try to stop the building work that jeopardised so many Lenca homes.

In April 2013, Berta and her group started organising demonstrations at the site of one of the hydroelectric dams.

It was being built by a private Honduran energy company, Desarrollos Energéticos (DESA).

Only, in July 2013, one of the protests turned violent.

Police were armed with guns as they manned the demonstration.

And as passions ran high, one of the protesters – Tomas García – was shot dead.

It was devastating for Berta and her campaign group.

Even more so when journalists were allegedly bribed by DESA and later reported that protesters from COPINH had blood on their hands.

They claimed that its members had killed the child of someone working on the dam.

DESA denied the bribery allegations and, after that, an unofficial war broke out between the executives of DESA and Berta's campaign group.

She, along with two other protesters, were charged with illegal land occupation and damages to DESA.

But an appeals court suspended the case and they resumed campaigning.

Afterwards, it's claimed the company's executive president Robert Castillo started sending Berta messages asking about her activities and movements.

She was open about her plans, telling him the cities where she planned to travel.

It wasn't just the bigwigs at DESA who Berta had attracted attention from…

'Without joy, enthusiasm and hope, we are not fully alive'

In April 2015, she travelled to the United States to receive the Goldman Environmental Prize for her activism in Honduras.

'It's not a crime to defend our rights as indigenous people,' she later told journalists. 'Without joy, enthusiasm and hope, we are not fully alive.'

But as Berta and her fellow campaigners continued to organise protests throughout Honduras to oppose the building work of DESA, the businessmen stepped up their campaign against her.

During this time, Douglas Bustillo, DESA's one-time Head of Security and a former lieutenant in the Honduran army, was sending cryptic messages.

And you get everything ready, because it could happen any time now, he wrote.

Things only became more sinister in February 2016. Bustillo used his phone to download three photos of Berta's face.

Berta is seen standing by the green banks of the river she worked to protect, her mouth open in speech, her right hand raised.

On the evening of 2 March 2016, she was at home with her friend, Gustavo Castro.

At least two masked men broke into the house. They shot at Berta and Gustavo in her bedroom and fled out of the house, into the night.

Gustavo had been playing dead on the floor and got up just in time to cradle Berta as she took her last breath. It was just two days before her 45th birthday.

People in Honduras were

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Rodríguez (far right) and others at court

left shocked by Berta's violent death. There was a huge outpouring of grief and anger towards DESA, which was felt across the country.

Between May 2016 and January 2017, four men – Henry Javier Hernández, Elvin Rápalo, Edilson Duarte Meza and Oscar Torres – all believed to be hitmen hired by DESA executives, were arrested.

DESA manager Sergio Rodríguez, Douglas Bustillo and Mariano Díaz Chávez, a US-trained special forces major, were also arrested.

In November 2018, the Honduran National Criminal Court convicted all seven of Berta's murder. In December 2019 the seven men were sentenced to up to 50 years each for their roles in the crime.

The court ruled the murder was ordered by unnamed DESA executives because of disruption linked to Berta's protests.

Berta's daughter Olivia Zúniga said that those who'd ordered her mother's killing had not yet been punished.

'We are not going to believe that there's true justice until these people are in jail,' she said.

The former executive president of DESA, Roberto Castillo, was arrested in March 2019 but at the time of writing he is still awaiting trial. He and the company have denied any involvement in Berta's murder.

Mourners placed tributes at a memorial for mother and campaigner, Berta Cáceres

Douglas Bustillo

Elvin Rápalo

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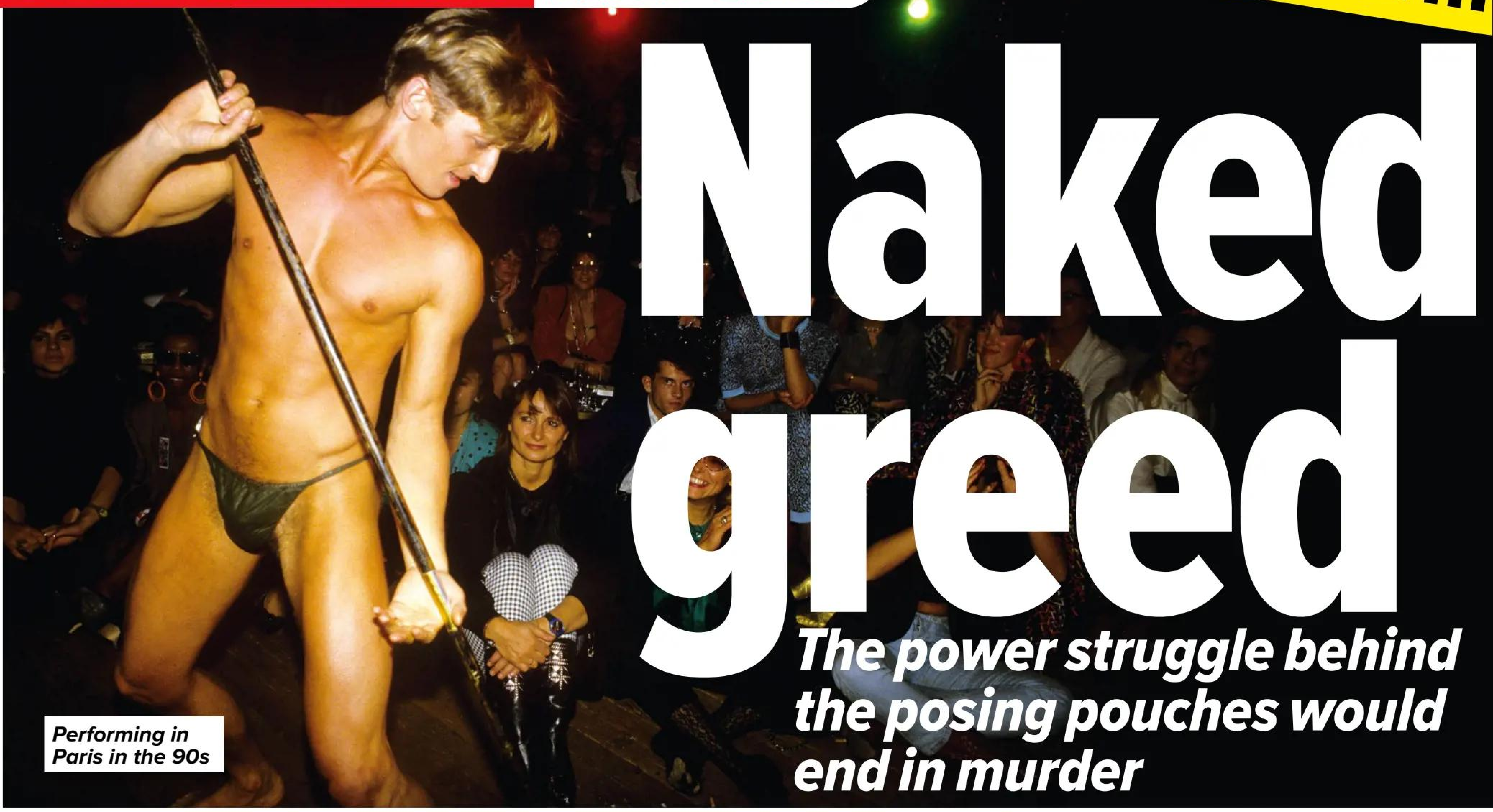


Performing in Paris in the 90s

Naked greed

The power struggle behind the posing pouches would end in murder

Before *Magic Mike* and *The Full Monty* came Chippendales, a troupe of muscly, tanned male dancers, oiled up and wearing little more than dickie bows and cuffs.

Women would flock to see them, sipping cocktails and erupting with screams of 'take it off' as the lads stripped to their scanty posing pouches.

But, while the dancers were making dreams come true, behind the scenes things were less than squeaky clean.

Chippendales founder, Somen 'Steve' Banerjee, had originally emigrated from India to California in 1969, keen to live his 'American dream'.

Banerjee had big plans to open a nightclub, make a fortune.

He started saving, working as a caretaker and running two petrol stations.

By 1975, he had enough cash to rent a run-down bar in West LA.

He put on everything to draw a crowd – magic shows, dinner, theatre, even mud-wrestling.

Nothing worked.

That was, until he started hosting a male exotic dance night – for ladies only.

Rebranding his club as Chippendales changed the game completely.

Queues stretched around the block.

Chippendales attracted a classy clientele, all of whom were prepared to pay good money to watch, flirt, or even kiss a tanned, glistening, near-naked hunk.

Soon, the club was raking in big money.

In 1981, Banerjee hired New Yorker Nick De Noia as choreographer, believing that De Noia could help take Chippendales to the next level.

It worked. Chippendales started touring.

They were kitted out in new costumes – as builders and Superman, in Spandex and trench coats.

New clubs opened in New York, Denver and Dallas.

The successful act was now pulling in $8 million (nearly £6 million) a year.

But inevitably, following their success, copycat acts started popping up.

To rid himself of competition, furious Banerjee paid thugs to burn down rival strip clubs.

Police knew there was an arsonist at large – but no signs pointed to Banerjee.

When arson didn't work, his lawyers sent out 'cease and desist' orders, claiming breach of copyright. His relationship with Nick De Noia became strained, too, as the duo rowed over who was responsible for the act's phenomenal success.

There were arguments over money, control.

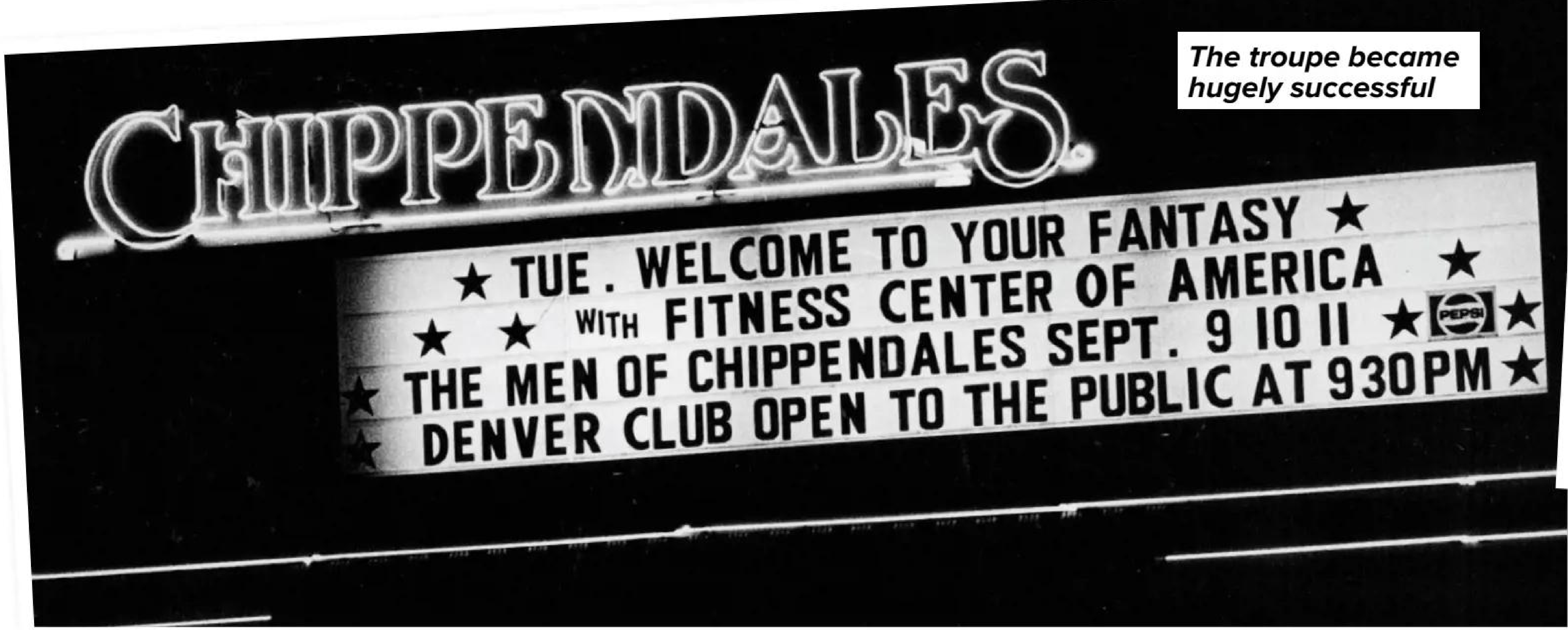
Women paid to watch the glistening hunks

Meeting in a restaurant to try to sort out their differences, De Noia jotted a contract on a napkin.

He'd give up his rights to the New York show in exchange for 50% of any future touring profits.

He also wrote that he had the right to take Chippendales on tour and 'own it in perpetuity'.

Not knowing that 'perpetuity' meant forever, Banerjee simply signed it and, in doing so,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The troupe became hugely successful

Nick De Noia and his wife Jennifer O'Neill

inadvertently handed De Noia total independent control and half the profits of the most successful part of the business.

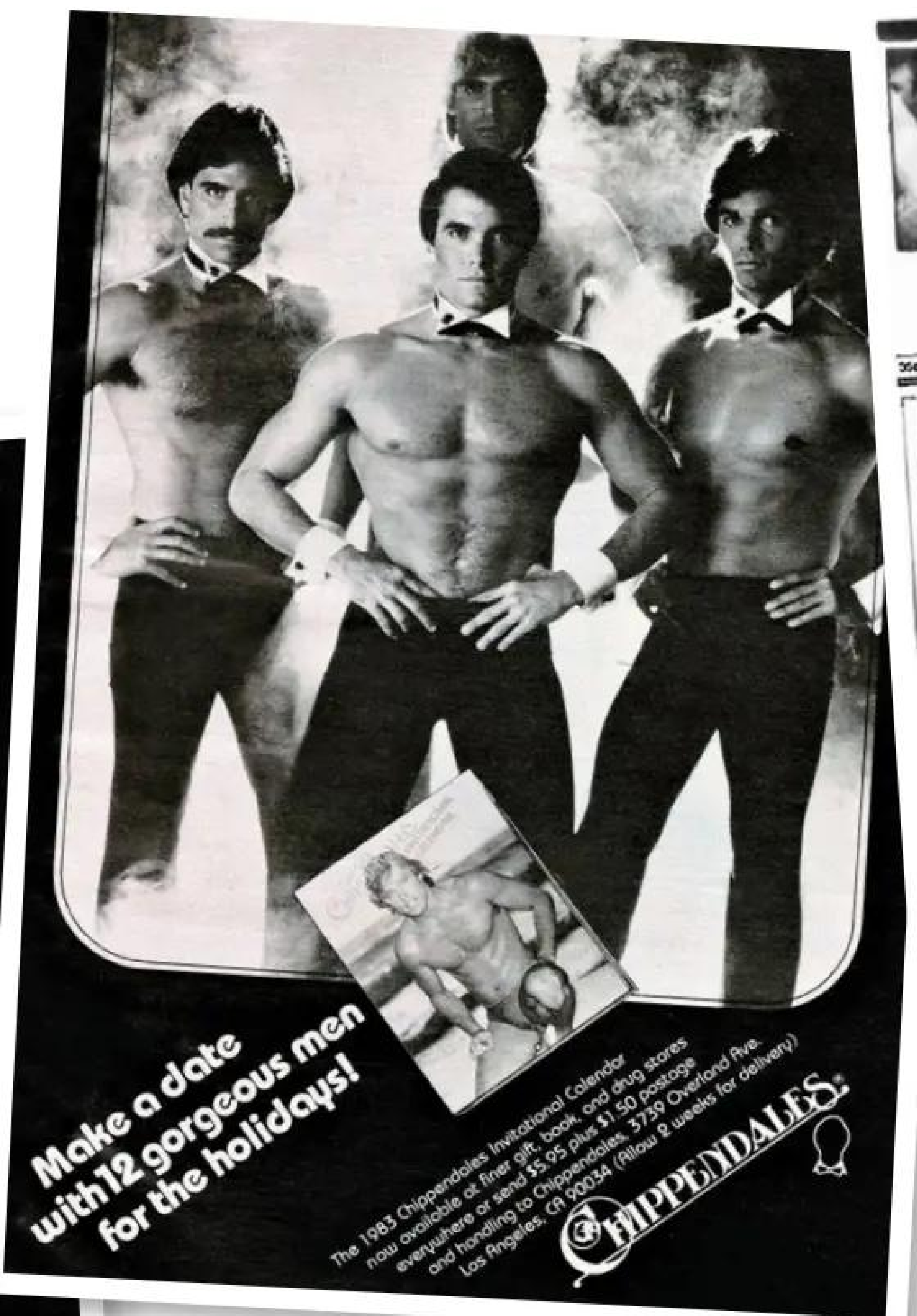
With De Noia at the helm, Chippendales began touring internationally. The troupe's profits were $80,000 (around £60,000) a week.

De Noia was invited on chat shows, and not once did he mention his so-called partner. People assumed De Noia was the group's founder and, while he enjoyed all the attention, Banerjee lingered bitterly in the shadows.

He tried launching his own Chippendales tour, only for De Noia to hit him with a lawsuit – and win.

By 1985, the pair barely spoke, and their backstage clashes were infamous as rows erupted in the office, their voices only drowned out by excitable shrieks from the audience.

By 1987, Banerjee was drowning in unpaid taxes. Had also had to foot a bill for $70,000 (around £50,000) for the reprint of a failed Chippendales calendar that had 31 days in every month.



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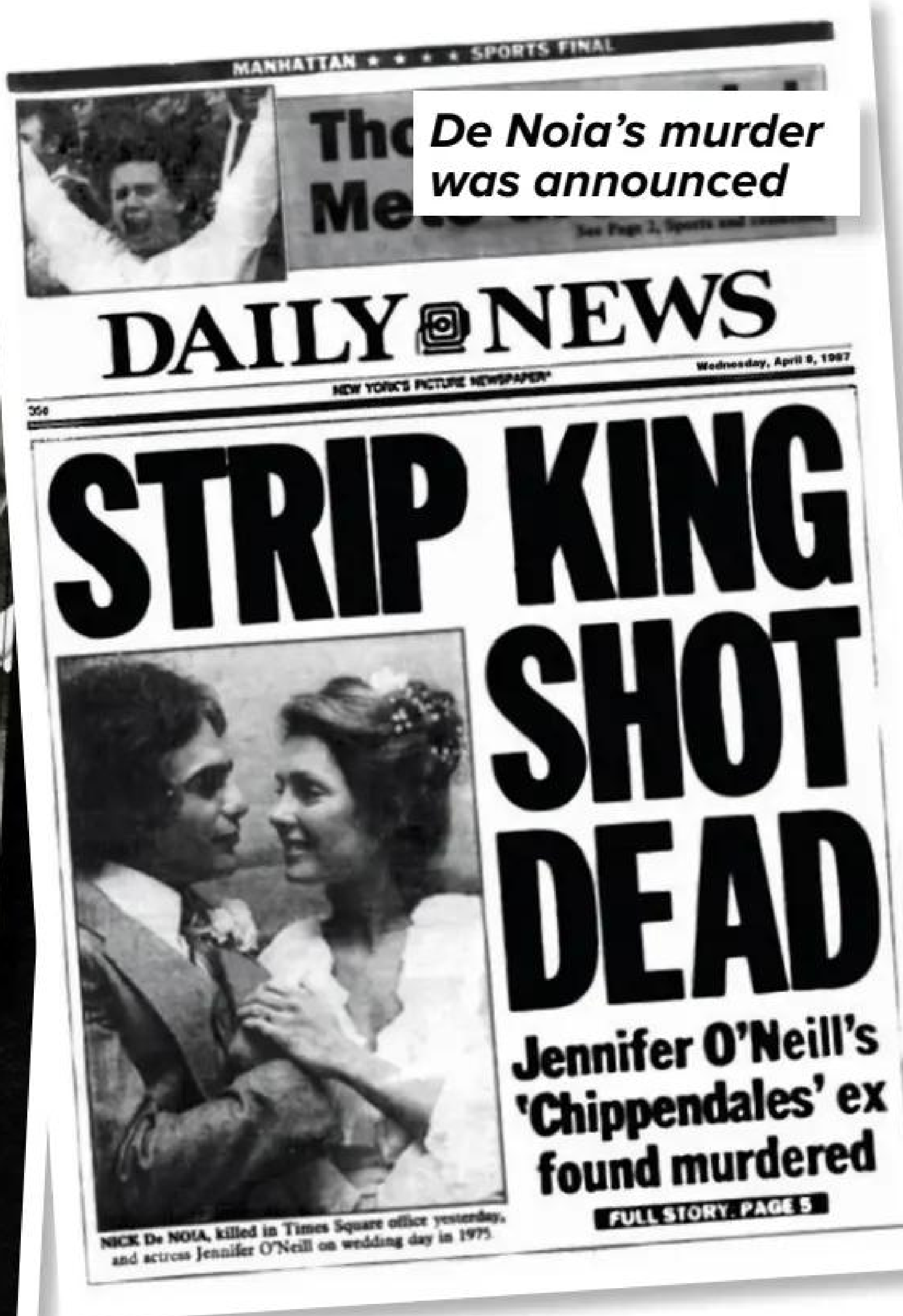

De Noia's murder was announced

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Jennifer O'Neill's 'Chippendales' ex found murdered

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NICK De NOIA, killed in Times Square office yesterday, and actress Jennifer O'Neill on wedding day in 1975

Meanwhile, that April, De Noia was making plans for a new male striptease act to premiere in London.

He went to New York to sign the contracts. Only, as he sat in his Manhattan office, a man posing as a delivery driver walked in, carrying an envelope which disguised his gun.

With one shot to the face, De Noia was dead.

The gunman vanished and, hours later, De Noia's co-worker found him slumped over his desk.

Police combed the scene, but they found no evidence, no motive.

Detectives tried but couldn't tie the murder to Banerjee.

The case went cold.

With De Noia gone, Banerjee bought back his share of Chippendales, and was once again in full control.

For three years, he focused on shutting down copycat troupes.

Then, in 1990, a UK-based act called *Adonis: Men of Hollywood* caught his attention. It included several ex-Chippendales.

However, because they focused on the UK, a lawsuit couldn't touch them.

Then, in July 1991, an informant contacted the FBI and claimed he'd been hired as a hitman ordered to fly to the UK and use cyanide to kill two key members of Adonis as they performed at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool.

After a sting operation, detectives arrested Ray Colon, a long-time associate of Banerjee.

Not only was Colon behind the earlier arson attacks, he'd also arranged De Noia's murder – on Banerjee's orders.

Colon struck a deal, agreed to work with investigators to entrap his boss.

On 2 September 1993, Somen 'Steve' Banerjee was arrested. After making a plea bargain, all charges relating to the Adonis troupe were dropped.

But Banerjee pleaded guilty to the second-degree murder of Nick De Noia, as well as attempted arson and racketeering. He was facing 26 years in prison.

His fortune and his American dream were in tatters. Ownership of Chippendales had defaulted to his wife, who'd divorced him and sold it for millions.

And so, in October 1994, just hours before his sentencing, Banerjee took his own life in his cell.

Six years on, with new owners, Chippendales relaunched in Las Vegas.

Performing seven nights a week to sell-out crowds, the troupe continues to earn a fortune as well as worldwide adoration.

Somen 'Steve' Banerjee can never be forgiven for his evil actions, but his dream lives on.

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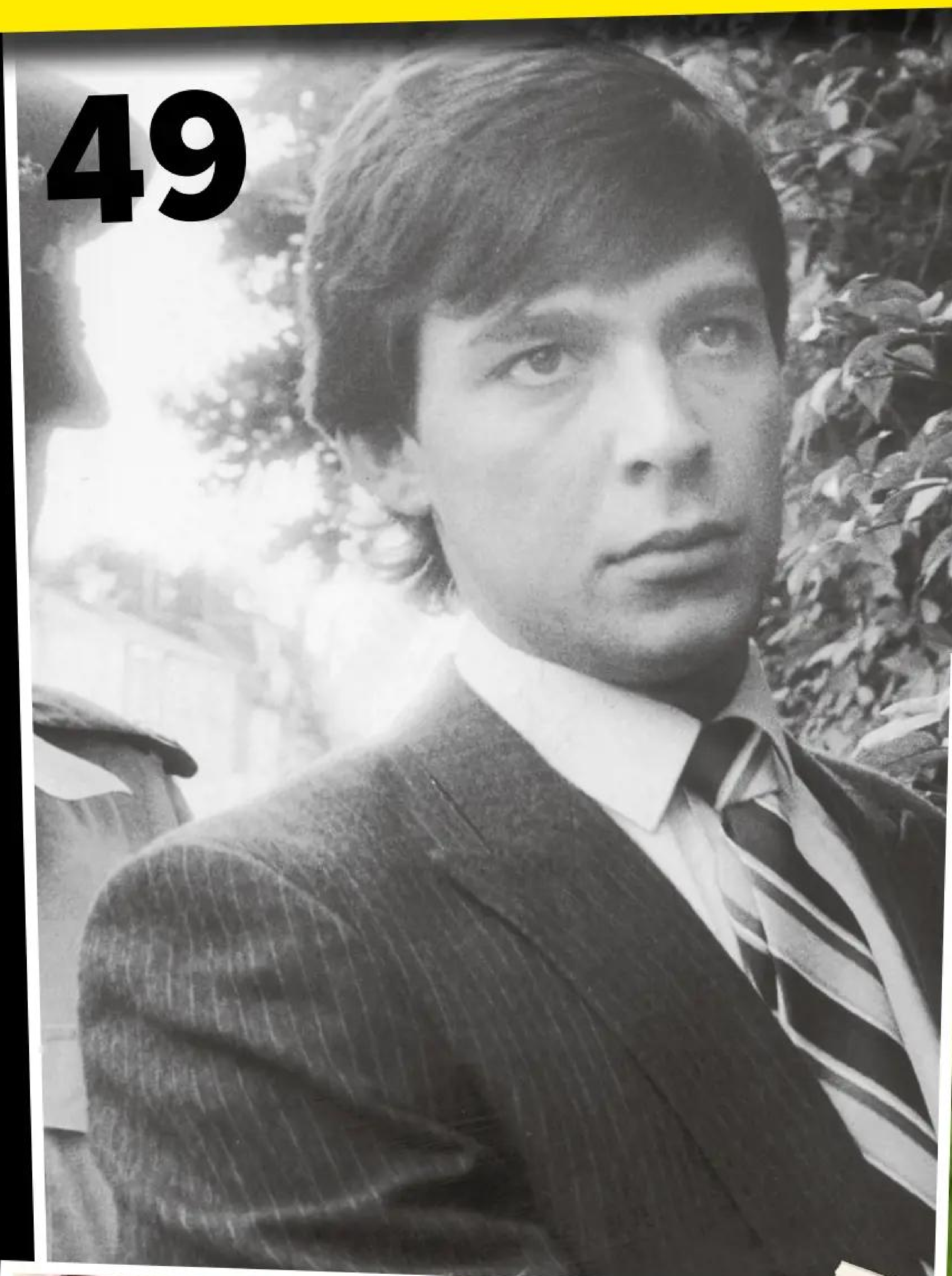

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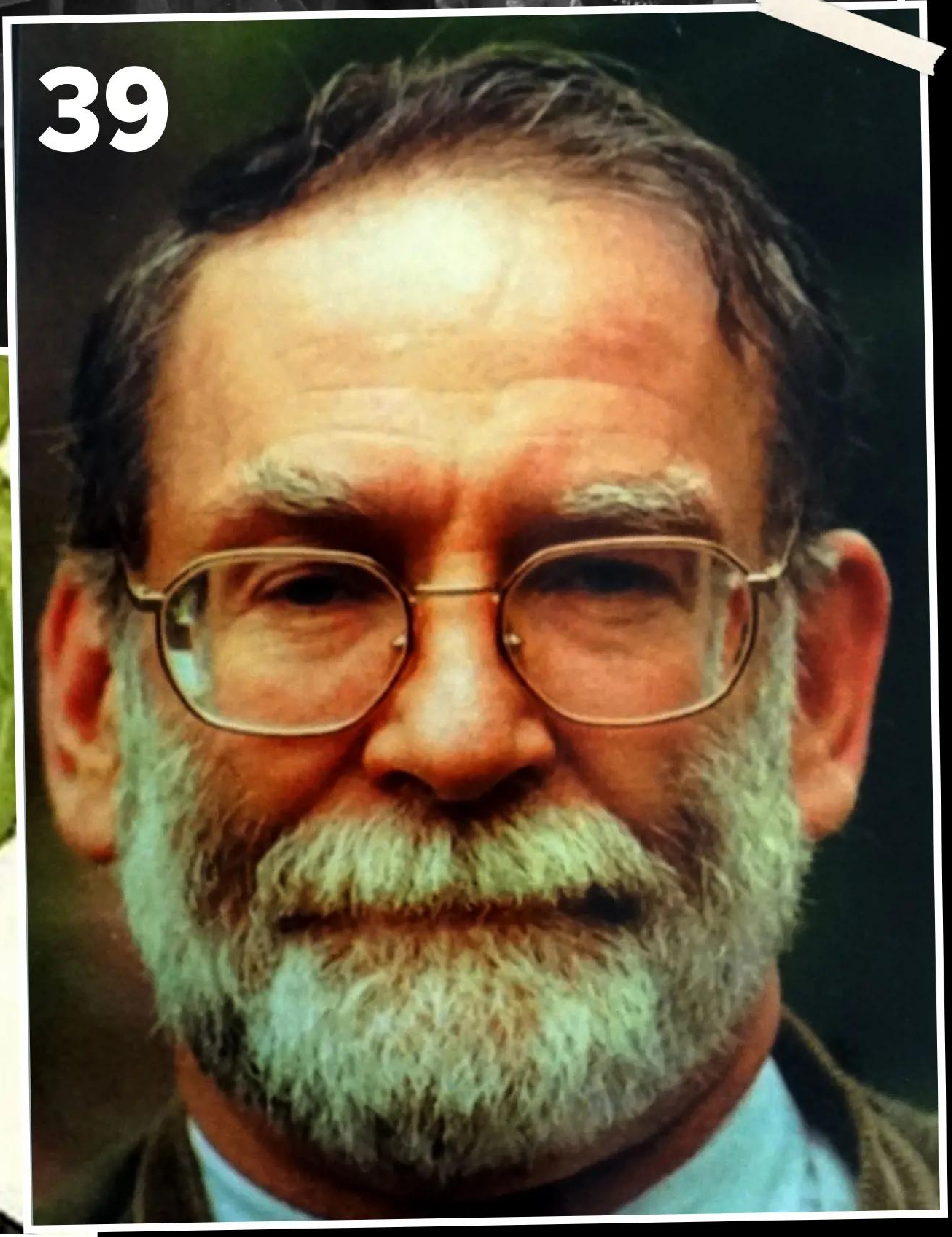
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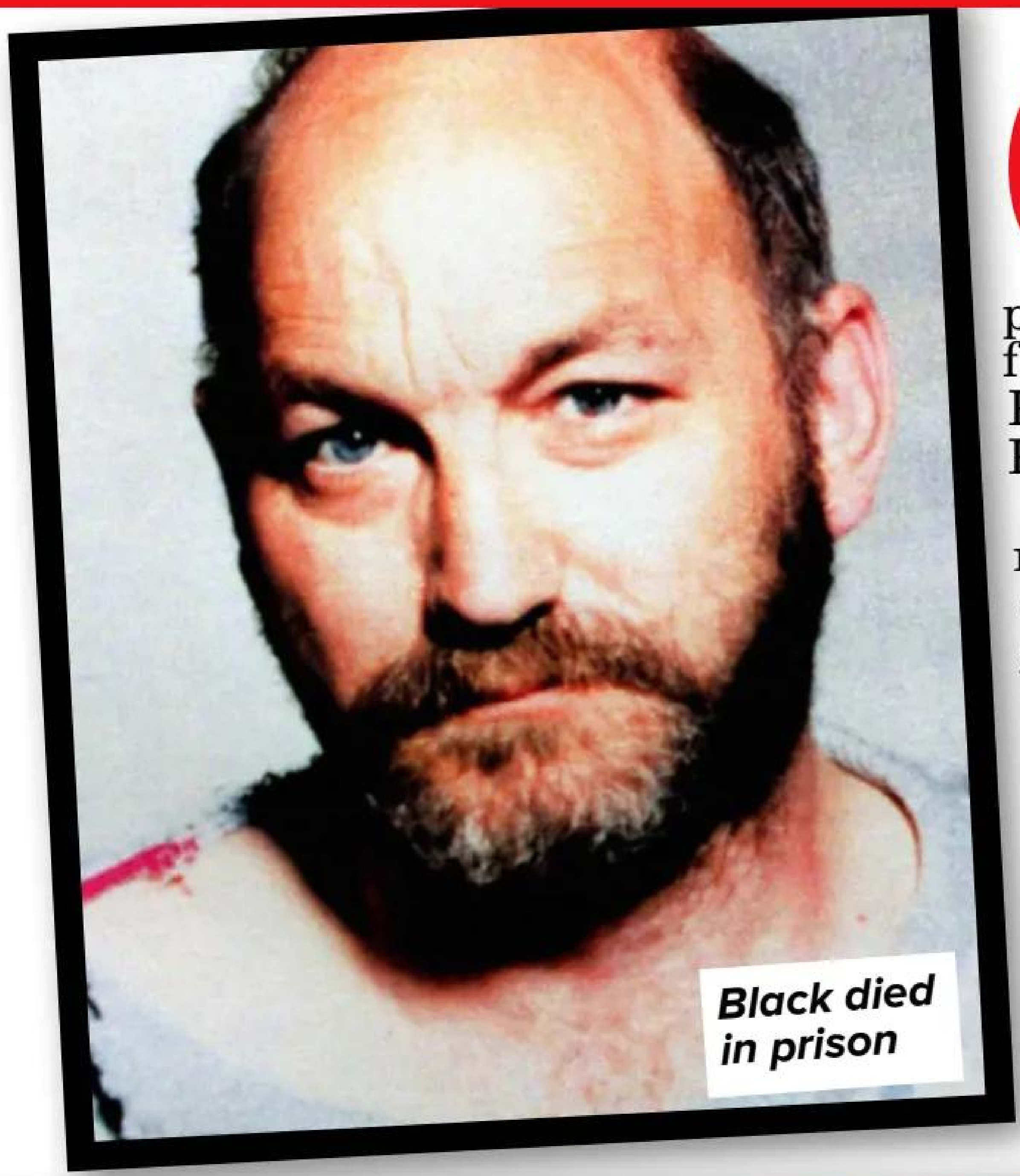
CHILD KILLER ROBERT BLACK


Black died in prison

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On 8 July 1983, Caroline Hogg, 5, was playing at the fairground on Portobello Promenade.

Only, after riding the carousel, the little girl disappeared.

Playmates had spotted her walking away with a 'scruffy' man who'd paid the 15p for her carousel turn.

Ten days later, her naked body was found in a Leicestershire ditch...

Susan Maxwell, 11, had been killed in similar circumstances a year earlier.

Police linked the cases and in 1990, they got a breakthrough.

Police suspected that he'd murdered many more

Caroline Hogg

BURKE AND HARE

Irishmen William Burke and William Hare met in 1827 when Burke moved into Hare's Edinburgh boarding house.

On 29 November 1827, an elderly lodger died owing Hare £4. Burke and Hare stole his body and sold it to anatomist Dr Robert Knox at the Royal College of Surgeons.

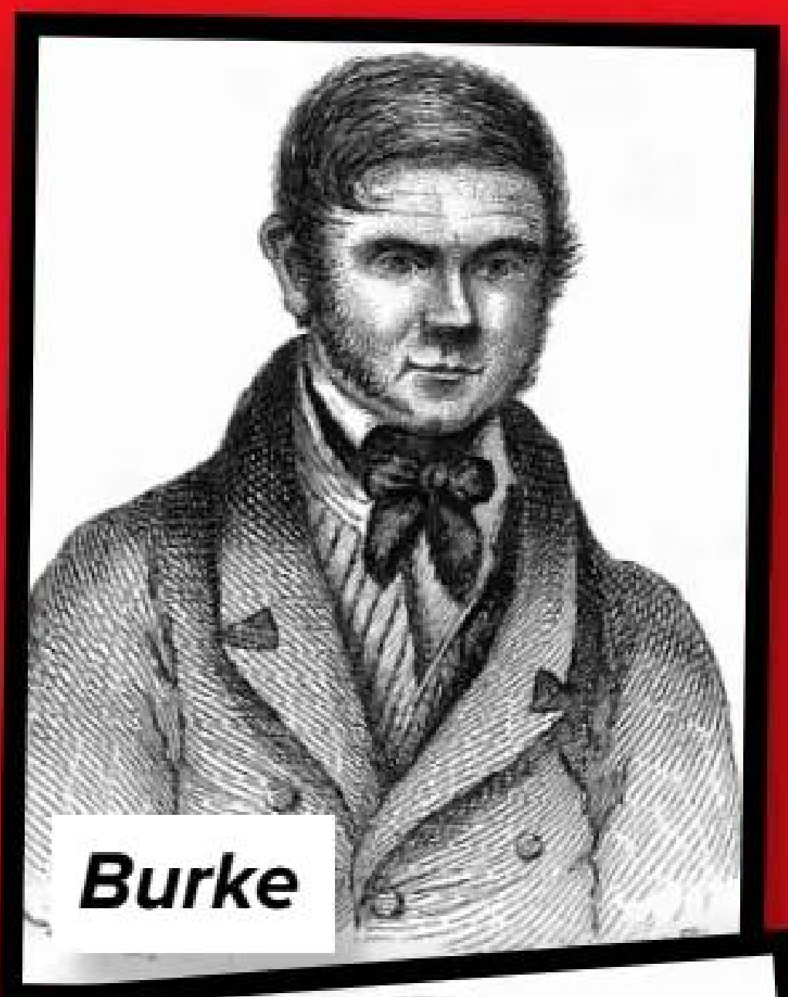
In early 1828, another lodger was dying of a fever. The men smothered him, selling his corpse to Dr Knox for £10.

Burke and Hare murdered 16 people over the following year, selling their corpses.

The body of their final victim, Mrs Docherty, was discovered before Burke and Hare sold it.

In court, Hare blamed Burke, in return for his freedom.

Burke was hanged in January 1829, Hare fled Scotland and Knox was cleared.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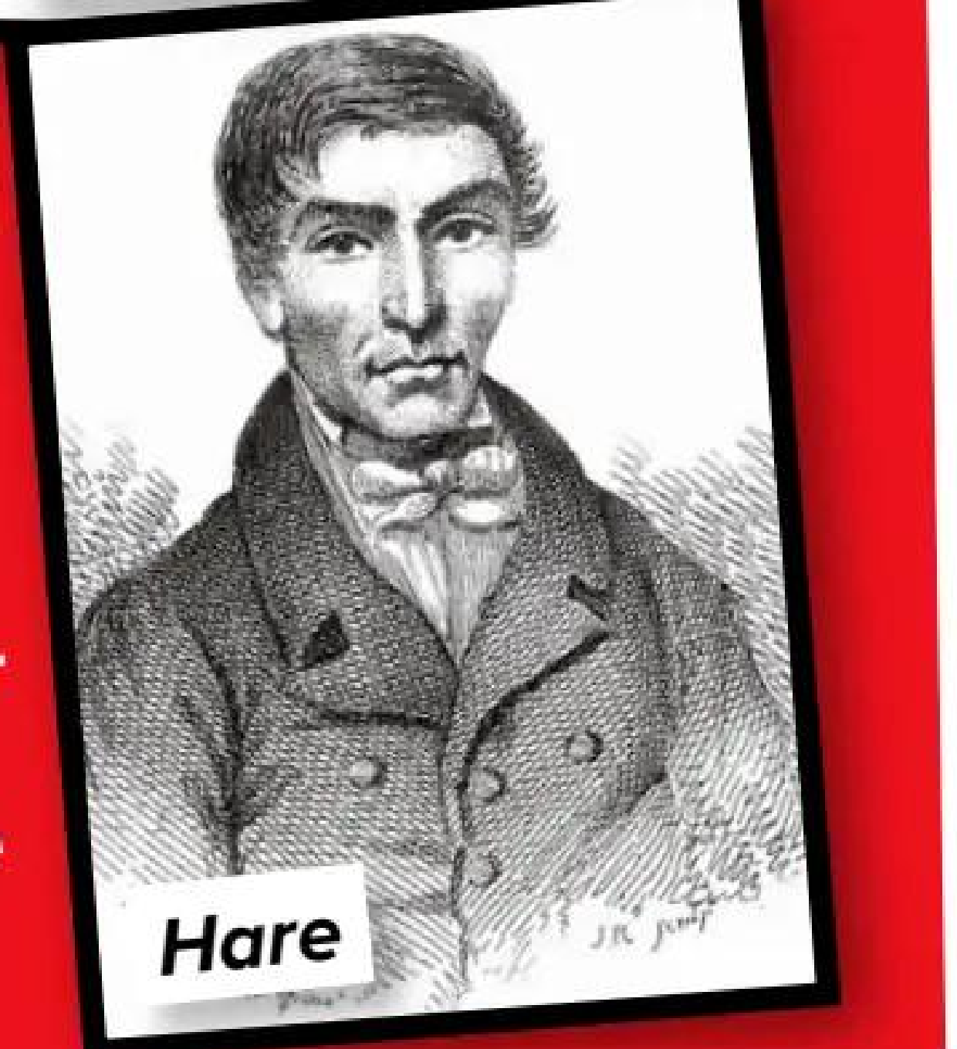
Hare

MURDER OF SUZANNE PILLEY

Gilroy is serving a life sentence

On 4 May 2010, Suzanne Pilley, 38, vanished while making her way to work in Thistle Street, Edinburgh.

A murder inquiry was launched. Police suspected Suzanne's ex-lover and colleague David Gilroy. Suzanne had recently ended their affair.

Officers believed jealous Gilroy lured her into the office's underground car park as she arrived for work, then dumped her body in the countryside.

In June 2010, Gilroy was charged with murder, later convicted, and jailed for life. In 2012 his appeal against the sentencing was rejected. Despite searches, including an area near Loch Long, Suzanne's body has never been found.

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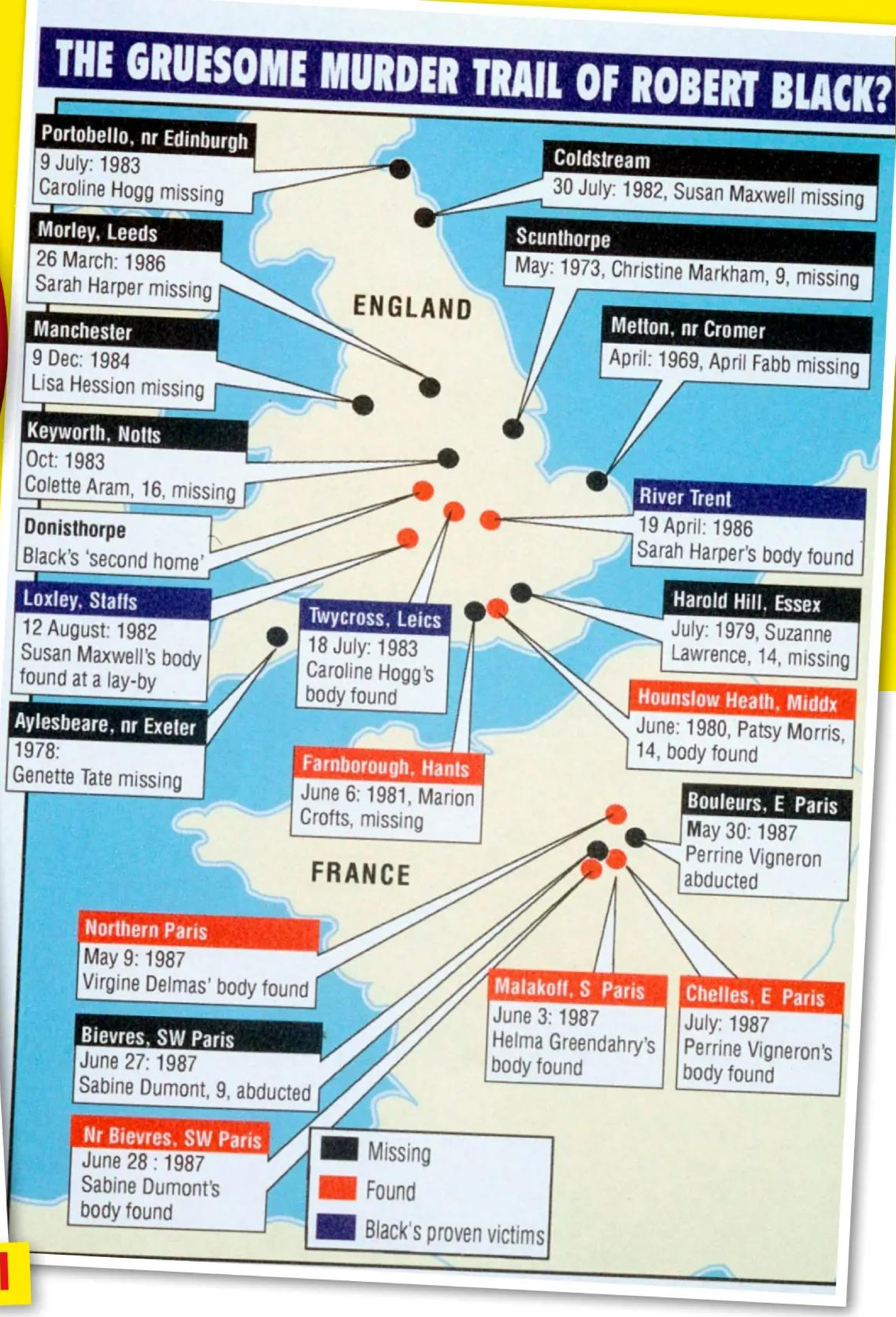
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Portobello, nr Edinburgh
9 July: 1983
Caroline Hogg missing
Coldstream
30 July: 1982, Susan Maxwell missing
Morley, Leeds
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Sarah Harper missing
Scunthorpe
May: 1973, Christine Markham, 9, missing
ENGLAND
Manchester
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Oct: 1983
Colette Aram, 16, missing
River Trent
19 April: 1986
Sarah Harper's body found
Donisthorpe
Black's 'second home'
Loxley, Staffs
12 August: 1982
Susan Maxwell's body found at a lay-by
Twycross, Leics
18 July: 1983
Caroline Hogg's body found
Harold Hill, Essex
July: 1979, Suzanne Lawrence, 14, missing
Hounslow Heath, Middx
June: 1980, Patsy Morris, 14, body found
Aylesbeare, nr Exeter
1978:
Genette Tate missing
Farnborough, Hants
June 6: 1981, Marion Crofts, missing
Bouleurs, E Paris
May 30: 1987
Perrine Vigneron abducted
FRANCE
Northern Paris
May 9: 1987
Virgine Delmas' body found
Malakoff, S Paris
June 3: 1987
Helma Greendahry's body found
Chelles, E Paris
July: 1987
Perrine Vigneron's body found
Bievres, SW Paris
June 27: 1987
Sabine Dumont, 9, abducted
Nr Bievres, SW Paris
June 28 : 1987
Sabine Dumont's body found
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Black's proven victims

Sarah Harper

Susan Maxwell

Delivery driver Robert Black was caught with a 6-year-old girl in his van in a Scottish Borders village.

Detectives then spent four years piecing together his past movements.

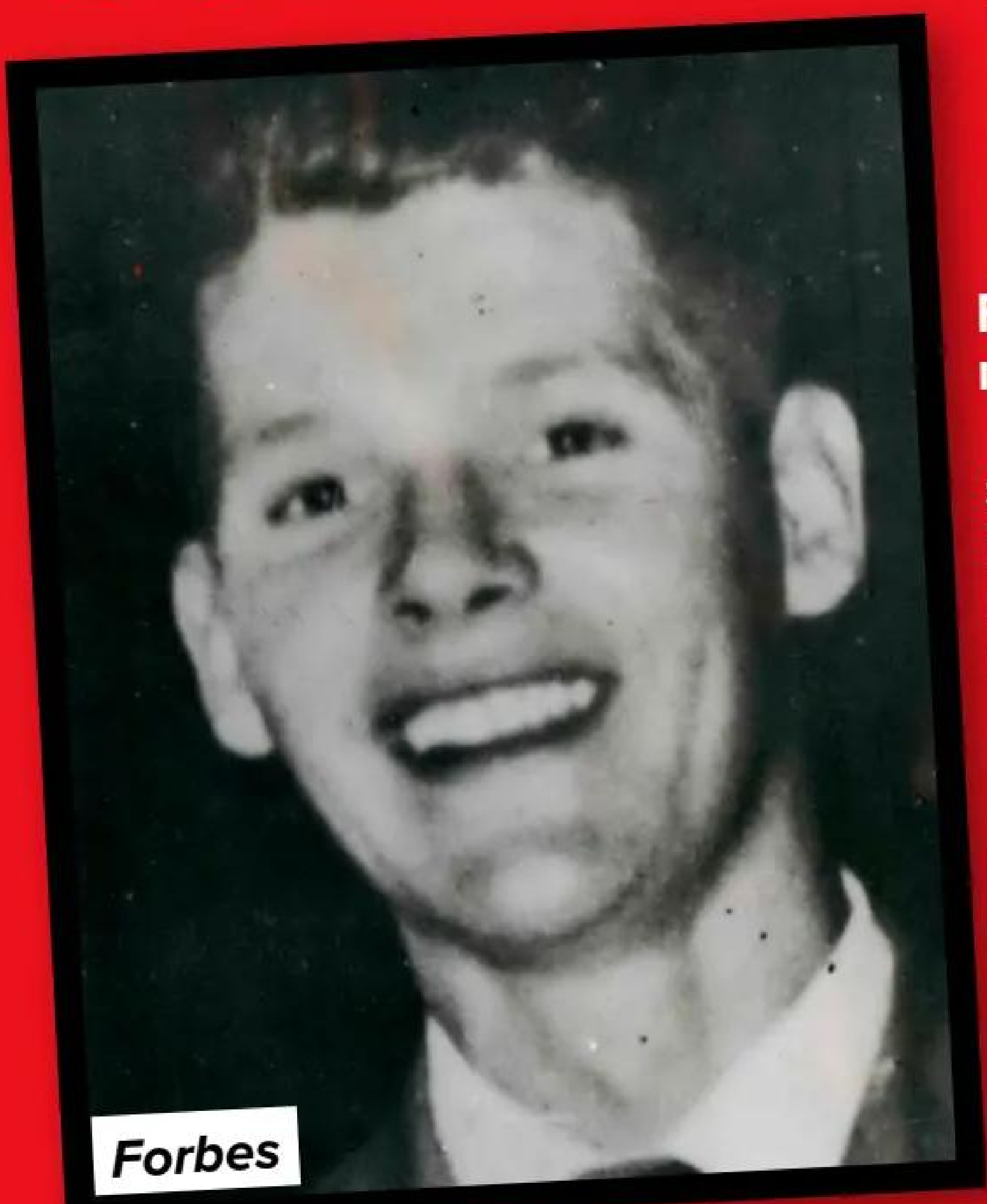
It turned out that the day Caroline vanished, Black had been delivering posters nearby.

In 1994, Black was jailed for life for the abduction and murder of Caroline, Susan, and Sarah Harper, 10, in 1986.

In 2011, he was convicted of the 1981 sexual assault and murder of nine-year-old Jennifer Cardy.

Police suspected that he'd actually murdered many more, but they will never know for sure. Black died at the age of 68 behind bars in January 2016.

DONALD FORBES


Forbes

In 1958, Donald 'Ginger' Forbes was sentenced to death for murder.

He'd bludgeoned nightwatchman Alan Fisher, 66, to death while robbing a fishing factory.

Only, public letters of support for Forbes poured in, and his sentence was reduced to life. He was released in May 1970.

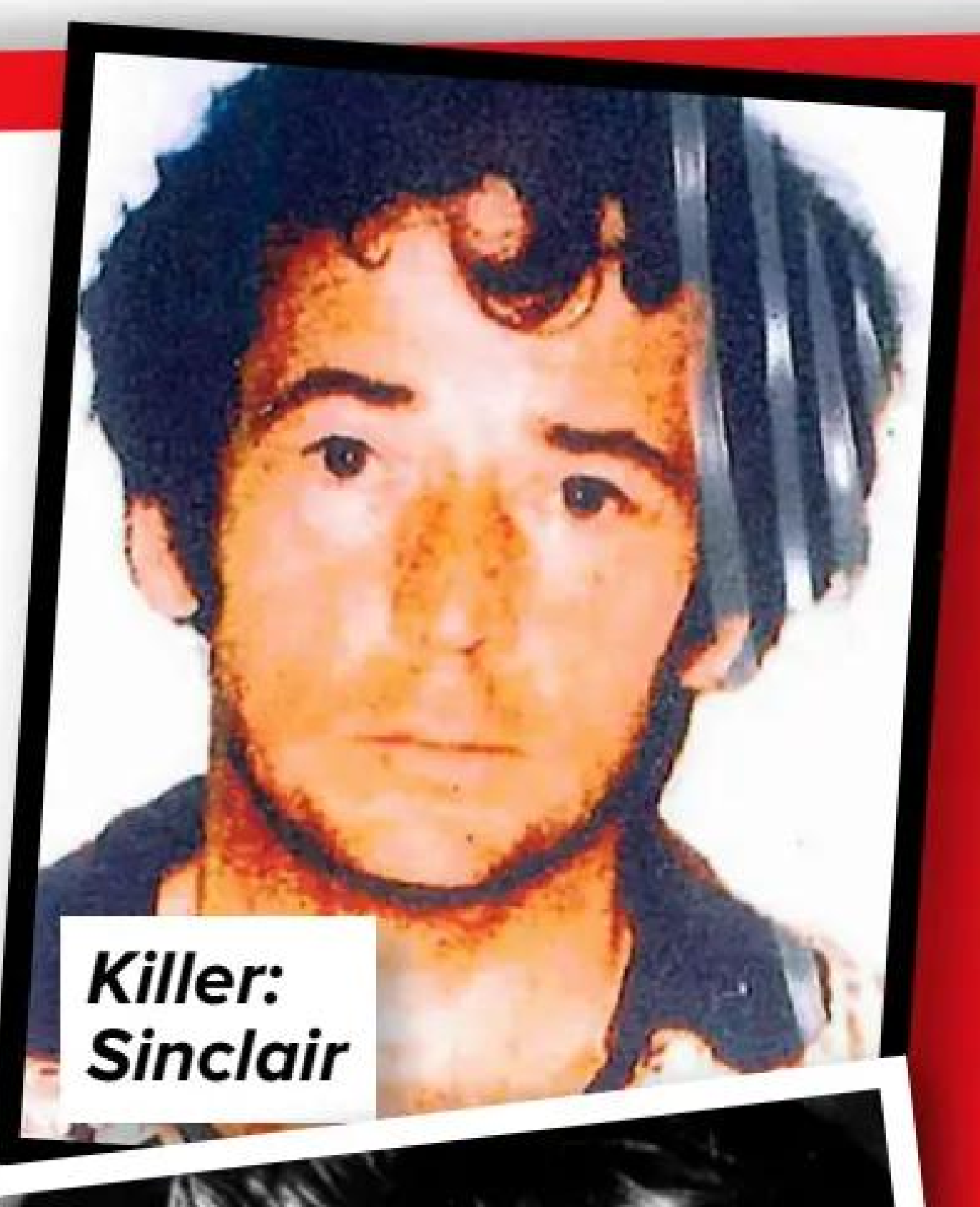
Weeks later, he stabbed ex-soldier Charles Gilroy, 27, to death during a pub brawl.

With the death penalty now outlawed, Forbes was convicted of murder, sentenced to life again.

He was released in 1998, only to be jailed for 12 years in 2003 for running a cocaine and cannabis factory.

Forbes, 73, died in 2008, handcuffed to a hospital bed.

WORLD'S END MURDERS


Killer: Sinclair

In October 1977, Helen Scott and Christine Eadie, both 17, were raped and killed after a night at Edinburgh's World's End pub.

For decades, the case went cold – until a forensic review found a DNA profile, matching Angus Sinclair.

Sinclair had been serving life since 1982 for raping and indecently assaulting 11 girls.

He'd received another life sentence in 2001, after DNA matched him to the 1978 murder of Mary Gallacher.

In 2007, he stood trial accused of murdering Helen and Christine, with his late brother-in-law Gordon Hamilton, who'd died in 1996.

The case collapsed, Sinclair was acquitted.

However, in November 2014, Sinclair was re-tried, finally convicted, and jailed for life.

Mary

GLASGOW

PETER MANUEL

Manuel: serial killer

In 1946, aged just 16, Peter Manuel was jailed for a string of sexual attacks.

After his release in the mid-1950s, he became the country's worst serial killer.

In January 1956, he stalked Anne Kneilands, 17, at an East Kilbride golf course, raping and bludgeoning her to death.

That September, he shot Marion Watt, 45, and her daughter Vivienne, 17, as well as Marion's sister Margaret Brown, 41, in their Glasgow home.

And Manuel's killing spree continued. In December 1957, Manuel shot taxi driver Sydney Dunn, 36 – and, later that month, Isabelle Cooke, 17, was raped, strangled and buried in a Lanarkshire field.

On New Year's Day 1958, Peter Smart, 45, his wife Doris, 42, and son Michael, 10, were shot in their beds.

Manuel was finally caught after being arrested for using stolen money.

At Glasgow High Court, Peter Manuel was convicted of eight murders. A coroner later found him guilty of the ninth.

In July 1958, after a last meal of fish and chips, he was hanged at HM Prison Barlinnie.

Victim: isabelle Cooke

Manuel being escorted to court

COLIN NORRIS

Glaswegian-born nurse Colin Norris once boasted to colleagues, 'someone always died' on his night shifts.

And, when Ethel Hall, 86 – admitted with a broken hip – was found unconscious and later died, a suspicious specialist ordered blood tests. She'd been given a massive insulin overdose.

Norris was convicted and sentenced to life for the murder of Ethel Hall, 86, Doris Ludlam, 80, Bridget Bourke, 88, and Irene Crookes, 79, and attempted murder of Vera Wilby, 90.

Norris, 32, had given them lethal doses of insulin at the two Leeds hospitals where he'd worked in 2002.

Killer nurse Norris

Victim Ethel Hall

MURDER OF EMMA CALDWELL

Emma: found in woods

In May 2005, Emma Caldwell, 27, was found dead in isolated woods near Biggar. The young woman, a Glasgow prostitute and heroin addict, had last been seen alive in the Govanhill area of Glasgow that April.

Emma's was one of a number of unsolved murders involving sex workers, and sparked a major police operation.

Regular clients were interviewed by the Strathclyde force, but no arrests were made.

Two years after Emma's murder, police charged four Turkish men following a £4m covert operation.

The case later collapsed when evidence was brought into question – and the murder trail ran cold.

The case remains open, yet unsolved.

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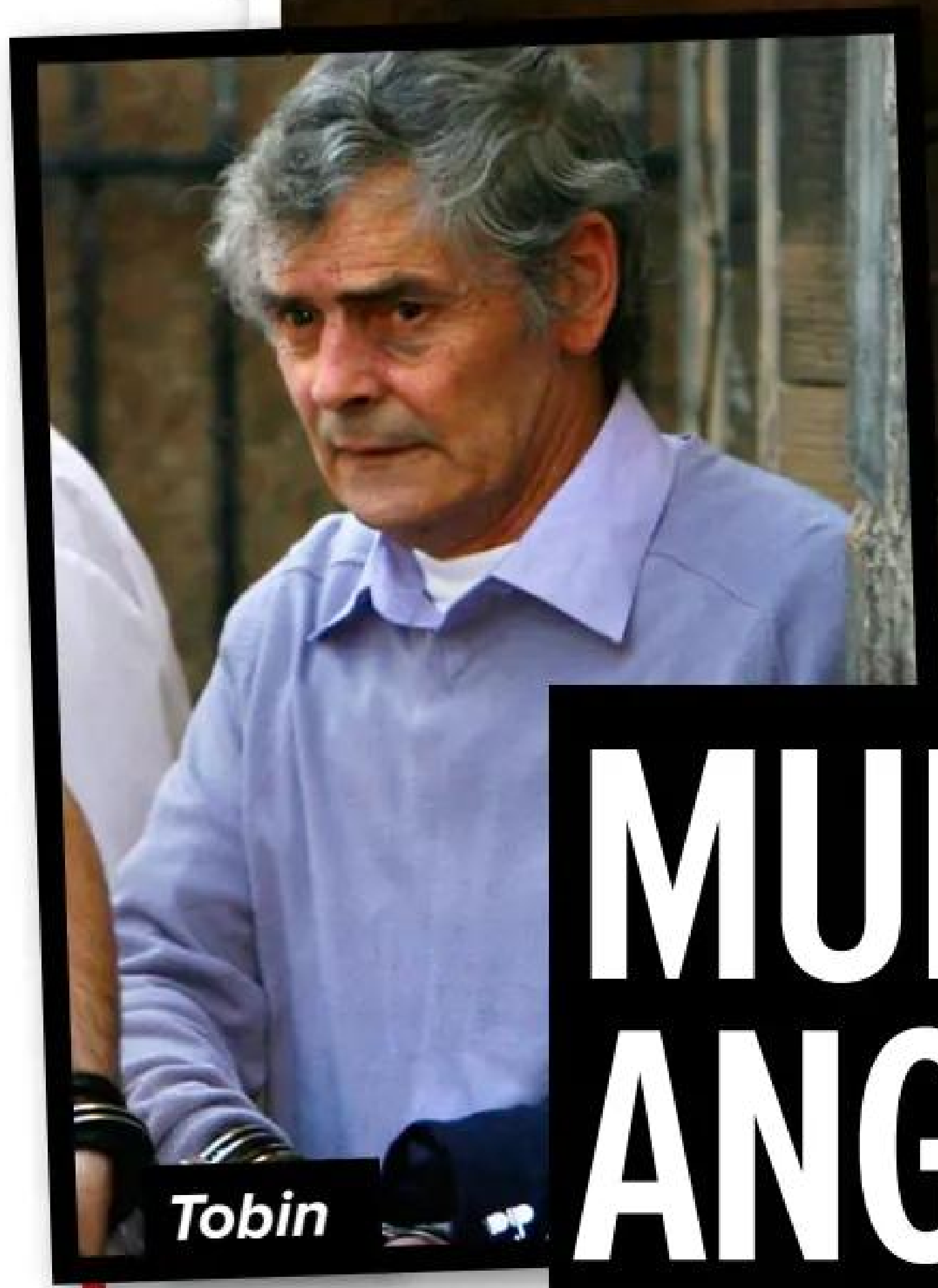
Scene of the crime: the church



Tobin

MURDER OF ANGELIKA KLUK

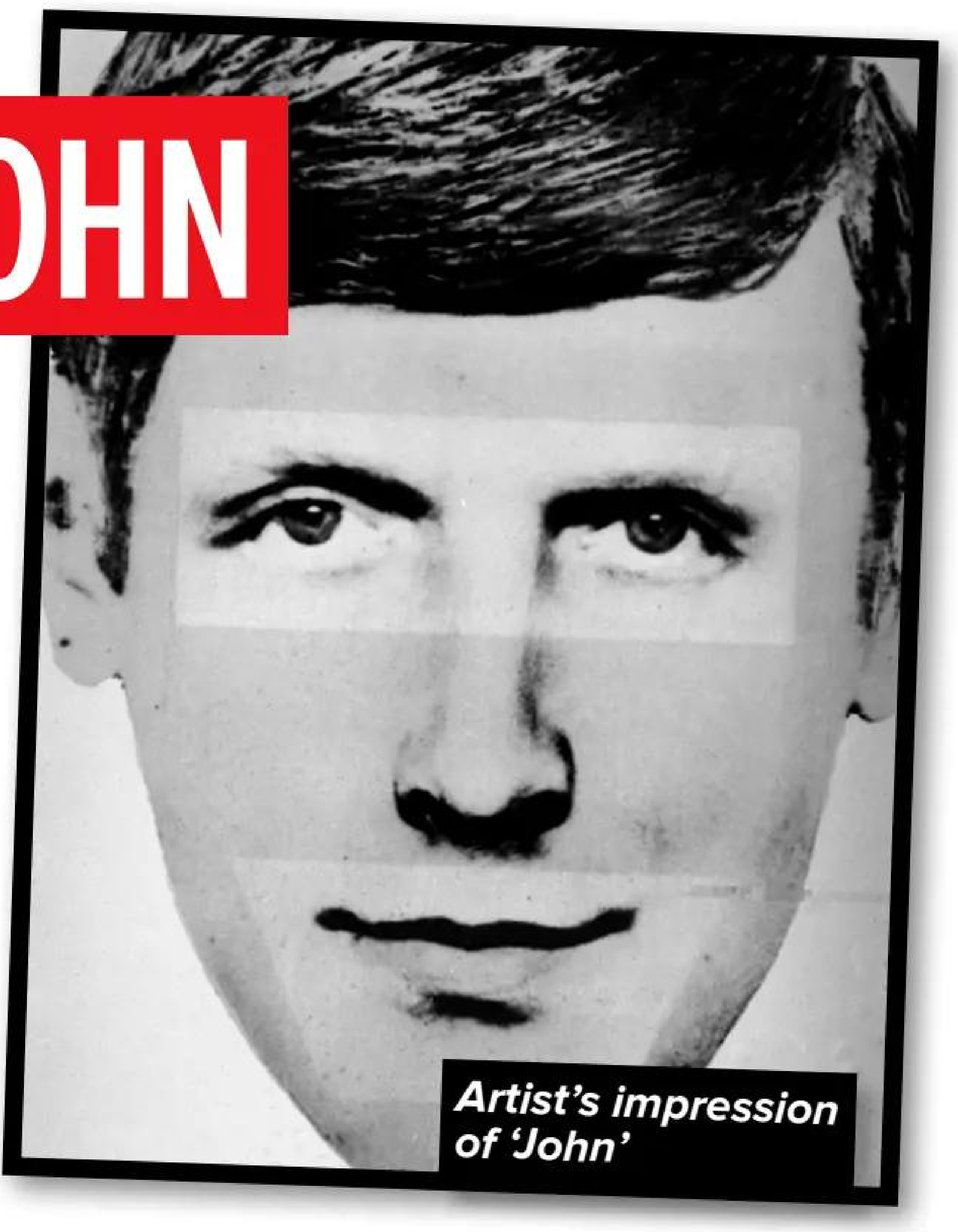
In September 2006, the body of Angelika Kluk, 23, was found under the floor of a Glasgow church. She'd been beaten, raped and stabbed to death.

Last to see her alive was church handyman Patrick McLaughlin. DNA on the Polish student's body matched that of Peter Tobin, jailed for rape in 1994 and released in 2004. The sex offender, who'd been using the alias of Patrick McLaughlin, was arrested.

At the High Court in Edinburgh in May 2007, Peter Tobin, 60, was convicted of murder and jailed for life. The case also led to his conviction for the murders of Vicky Hamilton, 15, and Dinah McNicol, 18.

Some speculate that Tobin may also be 'Bible John'...

BIBLE JOHN



Artist's impression of 'John'

Bible John is the nickname given to a serial killer who raped and murdered three women after meeting them at a Glasgow ballroom between 1968 and 1969.

The killings began in February 1968, when Patricia Docker, 25, was found in a back street battered and strangled with her own stockings.

In August 1969, Jemima McDonald, 32, was found dead in a derelict building. And, two months later, Helen Puttock, 29, was strangled with her stockings.

All three had spent the previous evening at Barrowlands Ballroom.

Helen's sister Jeannie Williams said that Helen had danced with a man named 'John', before sharing a taxi home, during which 'John' had quoted from the Bible.

However, despite a huge murder hunt, the investigation went cold.

Some crime experts believe the known movements and methods of killer Peter Tobin (see left) suggest he could be Bible John.

Yet it has never been proved and the case remains unsolved.

The killer met the women at a local ballroom

Barrowland

Glasgow's famous Barrowland Ballroom

DS Joe Beattie led the investigation

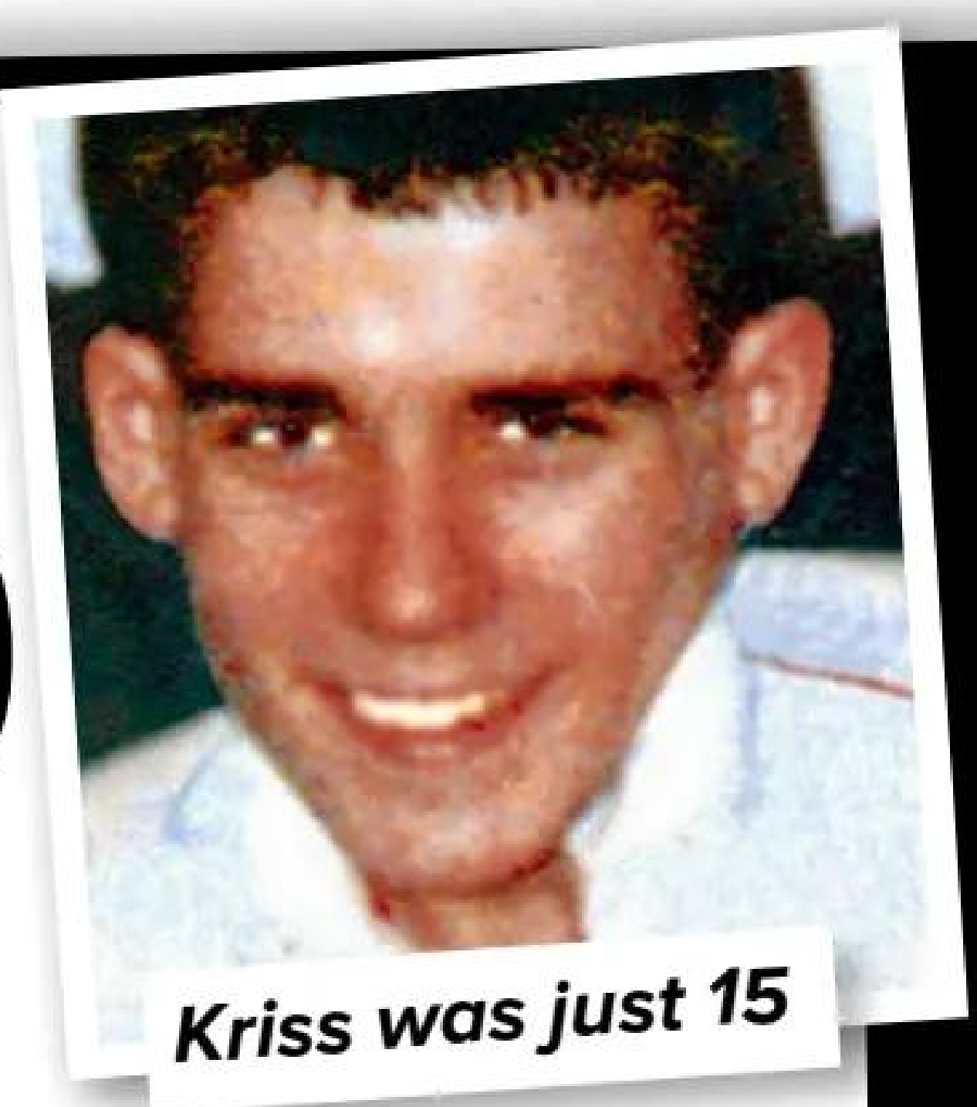
HOUSE OF BLOOD MURDERS

A triple murder at a Glasgow flat in 2004 began with a boozy row between David Gillespie, 42, and Edith McAlinden, 37. After, David and pals Ian Mitchell, 67, and Tony Coyle, 71, lay dead, the walls dripping blood.

McAlinden, her son John, 17, and his mate, Jamie Gray, 16, each pleaded guilty to one count of murder. The teens got 12 years each, McAlinden a minimum of 13.

Killers Edith and John McAlinden, and Jamie Gray

MURDER OF KRISS DONALD



Kriss was just 15

In March 2004, Kriss Donald was found dead beside the Clyde. The 15-year-old had been abducted and taken on a terrifying 200-mile drive, before being stabbed, doused in petrol and burned to death.

It seems gang members had killed him in revenge for an incident at a Glasgow club – not connected to Kriss – and he'd been singled out because he was white.

Imran Shahid, 29, his brother Zeeshan, 28, and Mohammed Mushtaq, 27, were jailed for life for his murder.

The culprits fled to Pakistan but were extradited

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JOHN DARWIN

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In March 2002, John Darwin, 51, paddled out to sea in his canoe near his Hartlepool home.

He never returned.

Coastguard rescue teams and police searched for him, but all they found was Darwin's paddle.

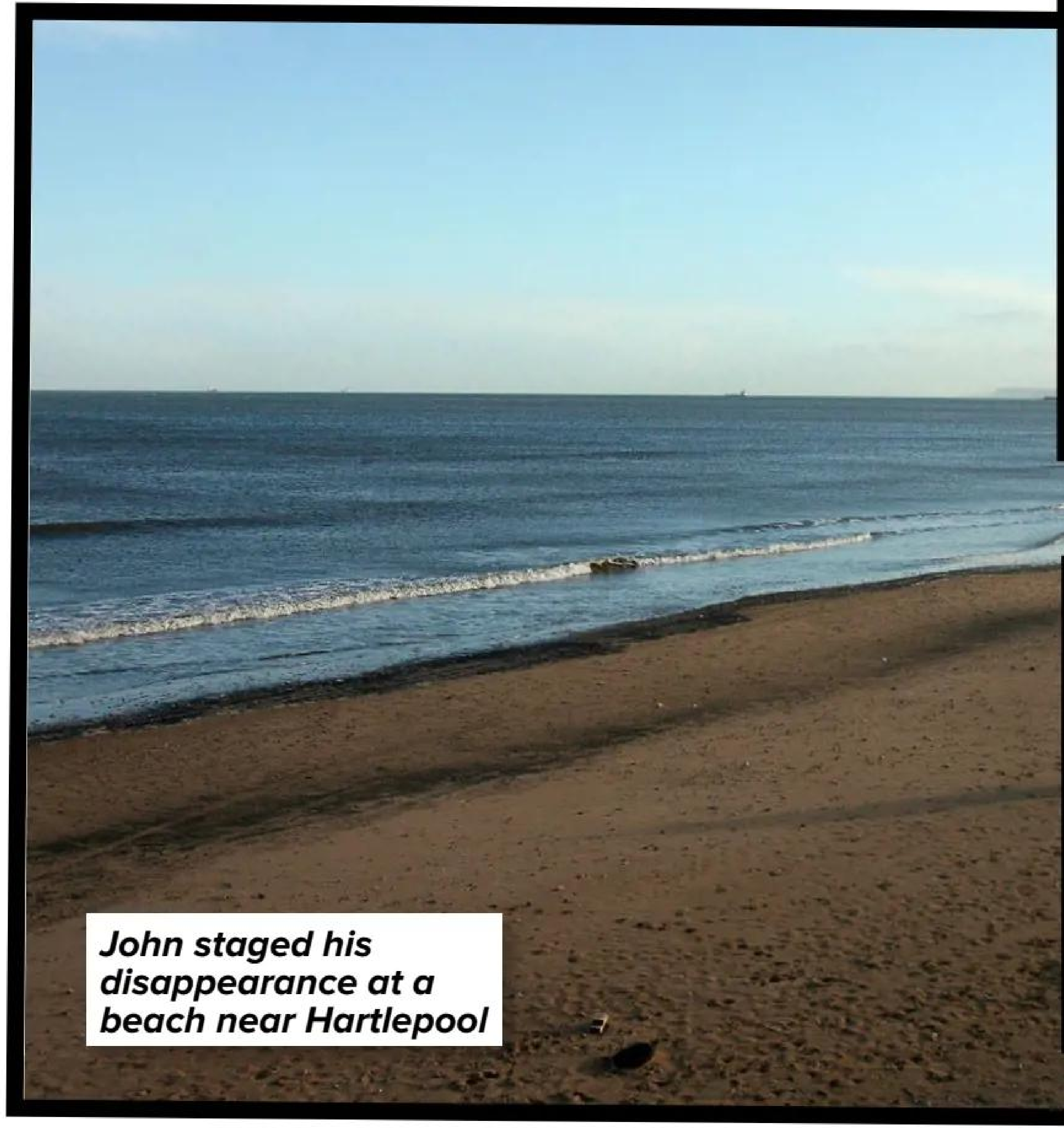
Several weeks later, the wreckage of his canoe washed up on a beach. With no body found by April 2003, John Darwin was declared dead.

His widow Anne and their two sons grieved...Until December 2007 – when Darwin walked into a police station, claiming to have amnesia.

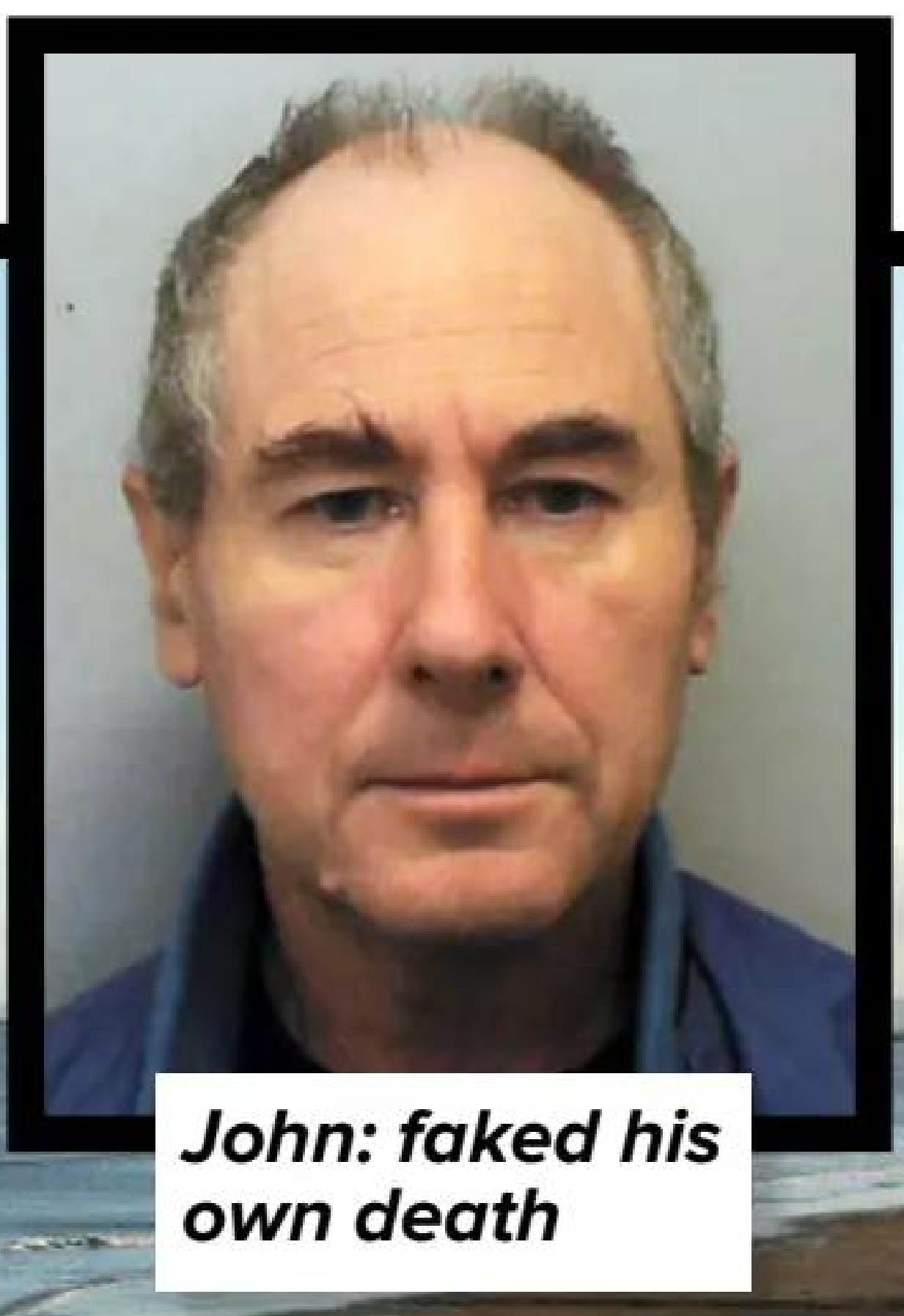
John Darwin was reunited with his sons and Anne, who'd moved to Panama, was delighted. Only, a photo emerged of Anne and John in Panama… Together. In 2006.

The couple had actually faked John's death to claim his £250,000 life insurance.

Both Darwins were jailed for over six years – him for obtaining cash by deception, her for deception and money laundering.



John staged his disappearance at a beach near Hartlepool



John: faked his own death

Anne: kept her husband hidden

MICHAEL ATHERTON

New Year's Day 2012 – taxi driver Michael Atherton, 42, shot dead his partner Susan McGoldrick, 47, her sister Alison Turnbull, 44, and niece Tanya Turnbull, 24, at his home in Peterlee. He then turned the gun on himself.

His stepdaughter survived after fleeing via a window.

It emerged Atherton had a history of domestic violence. He blamed Alison for his arrest in 2008, after a row.

When he discovered Susan had gone out with her sister that night, he said there'd be trouble if he saw Alison at his home. He said he'd stay in a hotel.

Yet the women arrived home before he'd left. A row erupted and Atherton got his gun from the car...

Atherton had a history of violence

MARY BELL

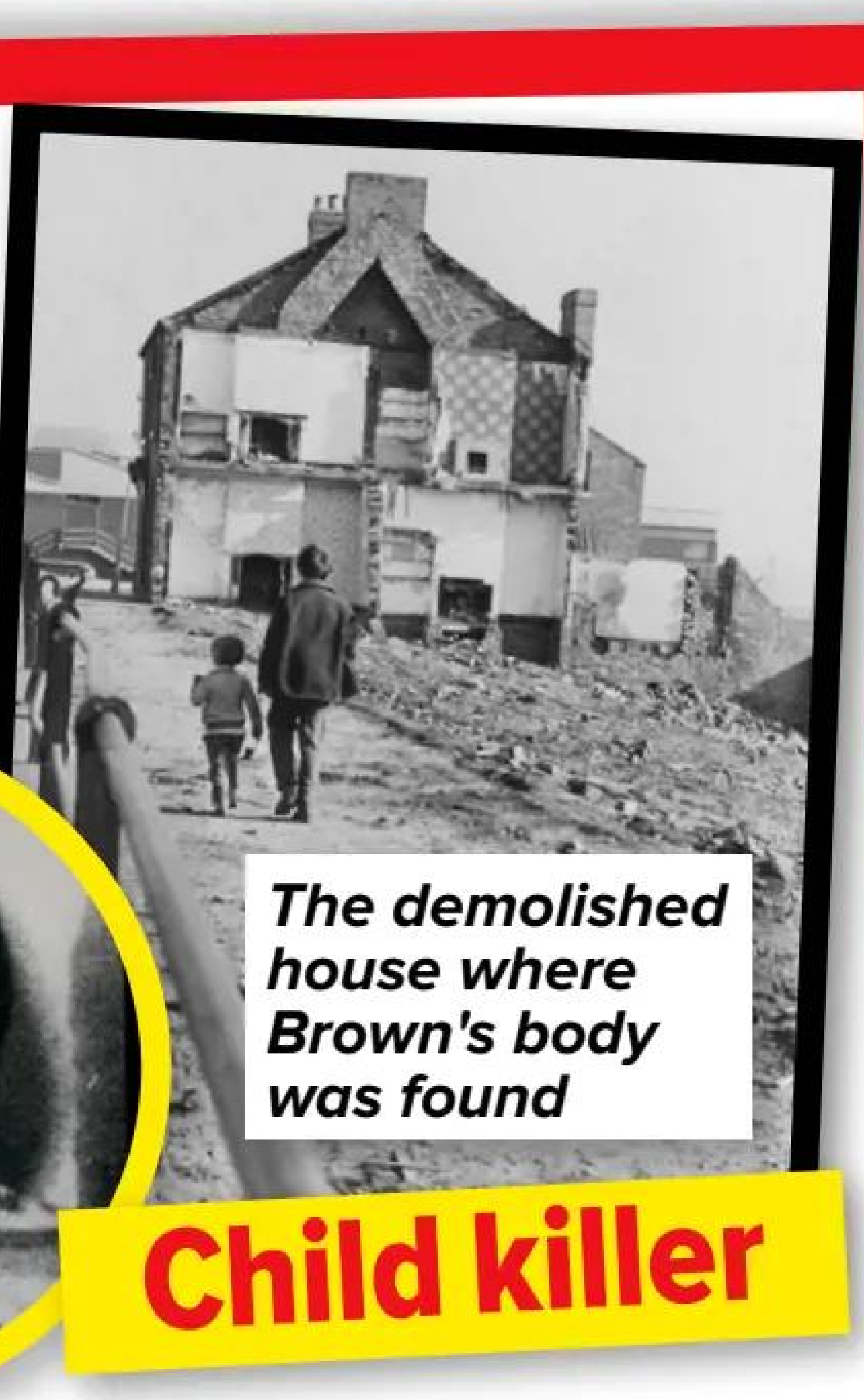
On 25 May 1968, the day before her 11th birthday, Mary Bell strangled Martin Brown, 4.

His body was found in a derelict house in Newcastle.

Two months later, Mary enlisted a 13-year-old friend to help strangle Brian Howe, 3. His mutilated body was found on waste ground.

When detectives questioned local children, Mary and her friend acted strangely, their stories changing. Officers soon realised Mary was a killer.

The friend was acquitted and gave evidence against Mary. The court heard Mary committed the crimes 'for the pleasure and excitement of killing'. Mary Bell was convicted of manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility. She was sentenced to life in detention, released aged 23, and given a new identity.



The demolished house where Brown's body was found

Bell

Child killer

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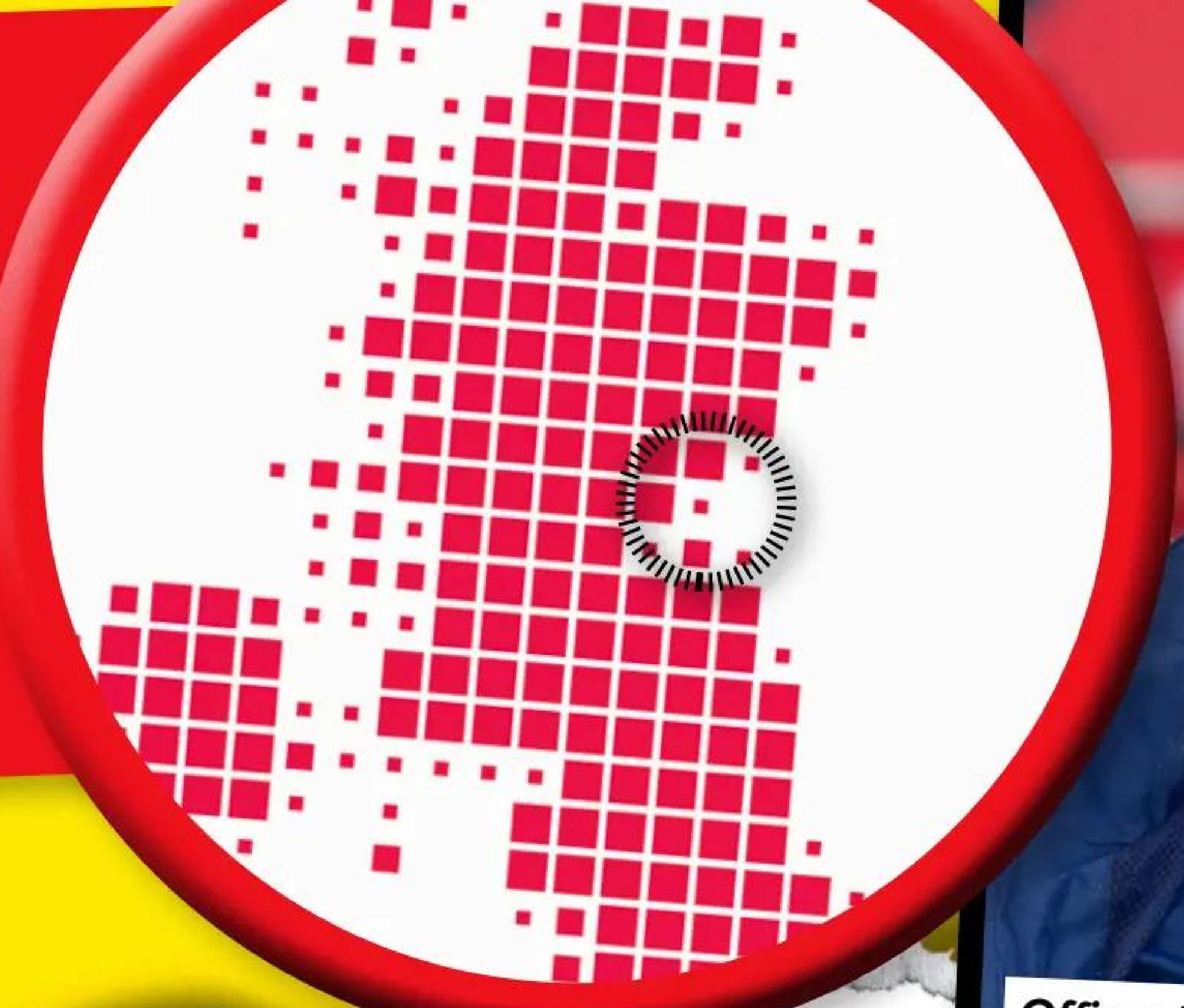


Officer Rathband was blinded in the attack

RAOUL MOAT

Two days after being released from prison on 3 July 2010, Raoul Moat, 37, from Newcastle, went on the rampage with a sawn-off shotgun.

First he shot his ex Samantha Stobbart and her new partner Chris Brown. While on the run in Rothbury, Moat shot police officer David Rathbound in the face.

Brown was killed, Stobbart injured and PC Rathband blinded.

Police deployed armed officers in one of Britain's biggest manhunts.

In a letter left with a friend, Moat declared war on officers, saying that he wouldn't stop 'until I am dead'.

On 9 July, police tracked Moat to the river Coquet, leading to a stand-off. Police negotiated, but Moat shot himself the next morning.

Sadly, David Rathband later took his own life...

The manhunt involved over 160 armed officers

Moat: went on the run

BILLY DUNLOP – DOUBLE JEOPARDY

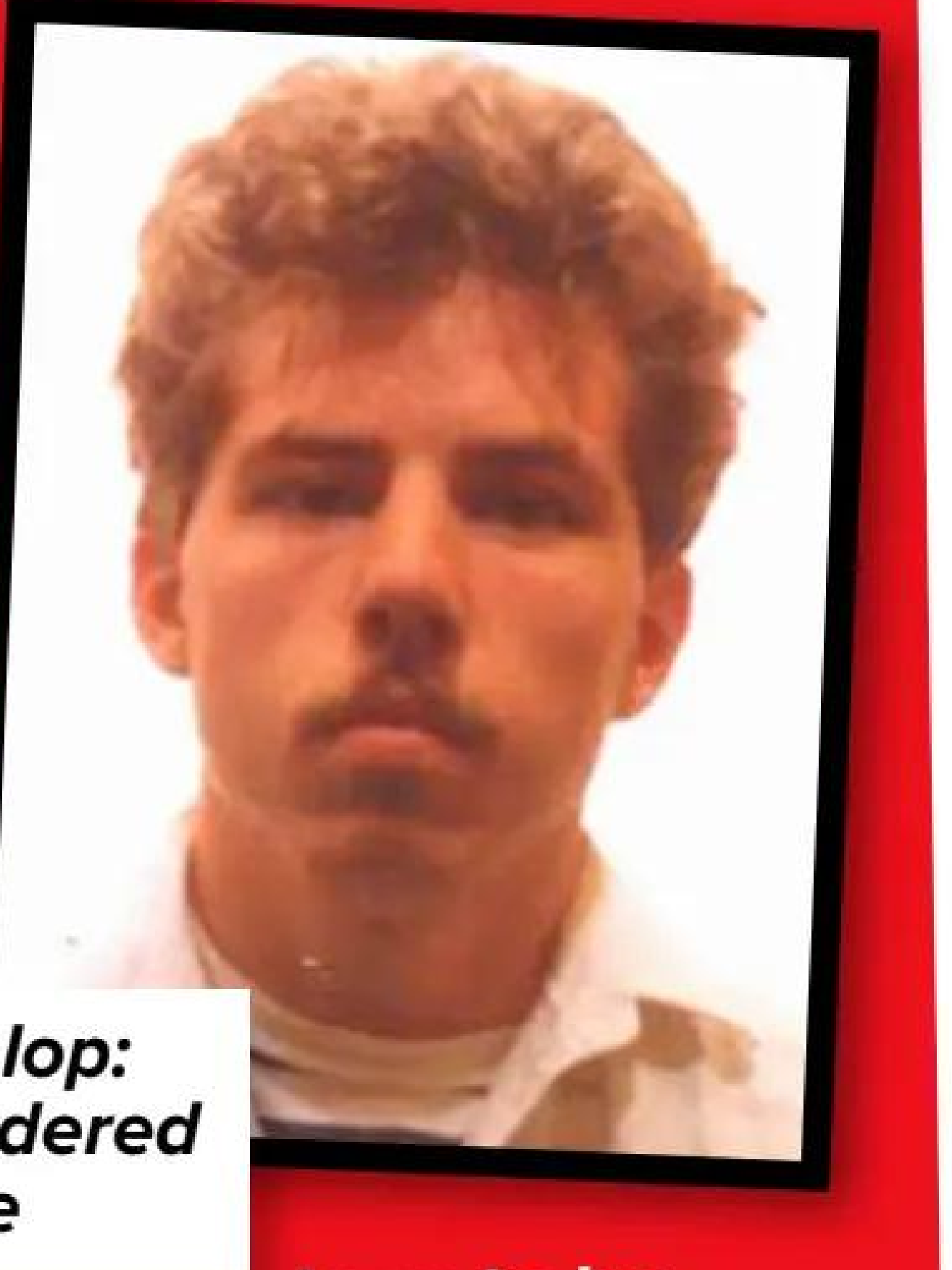
Pizza-delivery girl Julie Hogg, 22, disappeared in November 1989.

Eighty days later, her mother Ann found her decomposing, partially mutilated body behind a bath panel in Ann's Billingham home.

Julie's ex Billy Dunlop was charged with murder, yet juries at two trials failed to reach a verdict. He was cleared.

The double jeopardy law (which meant Dunlop could not be tried again) meant he thought he'd got away with murder for 17 years...

Ann fought for double jeopardy laws to be scrapped and, in 2003, MPs backed changes allowing serious cases with compelling new evidence to be reopened. Dunlop pleaded guilty to murder in 2006, was jailed for life.


Dunlop: murdered Julie

GARY VINTER – FREED TO KILL AGAIN

Gary Vinter killed colleague Carl Edon, 22, in a railway workers' cabin in 1995. Vinter stabbed him 37 times, puncturing every organ.

He was jailed for life, but released in 2006, after serving 10 years.

In July 2006, he married Anne White. But Vinter was recalled to prison after a New Year pub brawl.

Released again in early 2008, he separated from Anne after attacking her at their home in Eston, Middlesbrough.

That February, Vinter bundled his estranged wife into a car.

Eston, where Anne was attacked

After holding her hostage at his mother's house, he stabbed Anne to death.

He was jailed for life.

In 2011, Vinter attacked Roy Whiting – killer of schoolgirl Sarah Payne – in jail.

In 2016, he received a third life sentence for trying to murder fellow 'lifer' Lee Newell behind bars.

NORTH-WES

MOORS MURDERERS

Not just notorious in the UK, the names Ian Brady and Myra Hindley are synonymous with evil worldwide.

In the 1960s, the twisted couple tortured and violently murdered Pauline Reade, 16, John Kilbride, 12, Keith Bennett, 12, Lesley Ann Downey, 10, and Edward Evans, 17.

During their killing spree, Brady and Hindley posed for photos at the murder scenes and gravesites on Saddleworth Moor, near Manchester.

Both were convicted of multiple murders and sentenced to life. Hindley died behind bars in 2002, aged 60. She was so despised that 20 local undertakers refused to handle her body. Brady spent 19 years in standard prisons before being transferred to a high-security psychiatric hospital, where he died in 2017 at the age of 79.

The twisted couple murdered five children

Keith's body has never been found

Ian Brady

Myra Hindley

THE MURDERS OF PCS BONE AND HUGHES

In November 2012, wanted killer Dale Cregan, 29, had made a hoax call to police. When PC Nicola Hughes, 23, and PC Fiona Bone, 32, attended, Cregan fired 32 bullets at them and launched a grenade before driving off. Both officers died.

In February 2013, Cregan admitted both murders at Preston Crown Court. He was given a whole life order, and also convicted of two other murders and three attempted murders.

Then-PM David Cameron honoured PC Bone and PC Hughes, calling their murders 'an act of pure evil'.

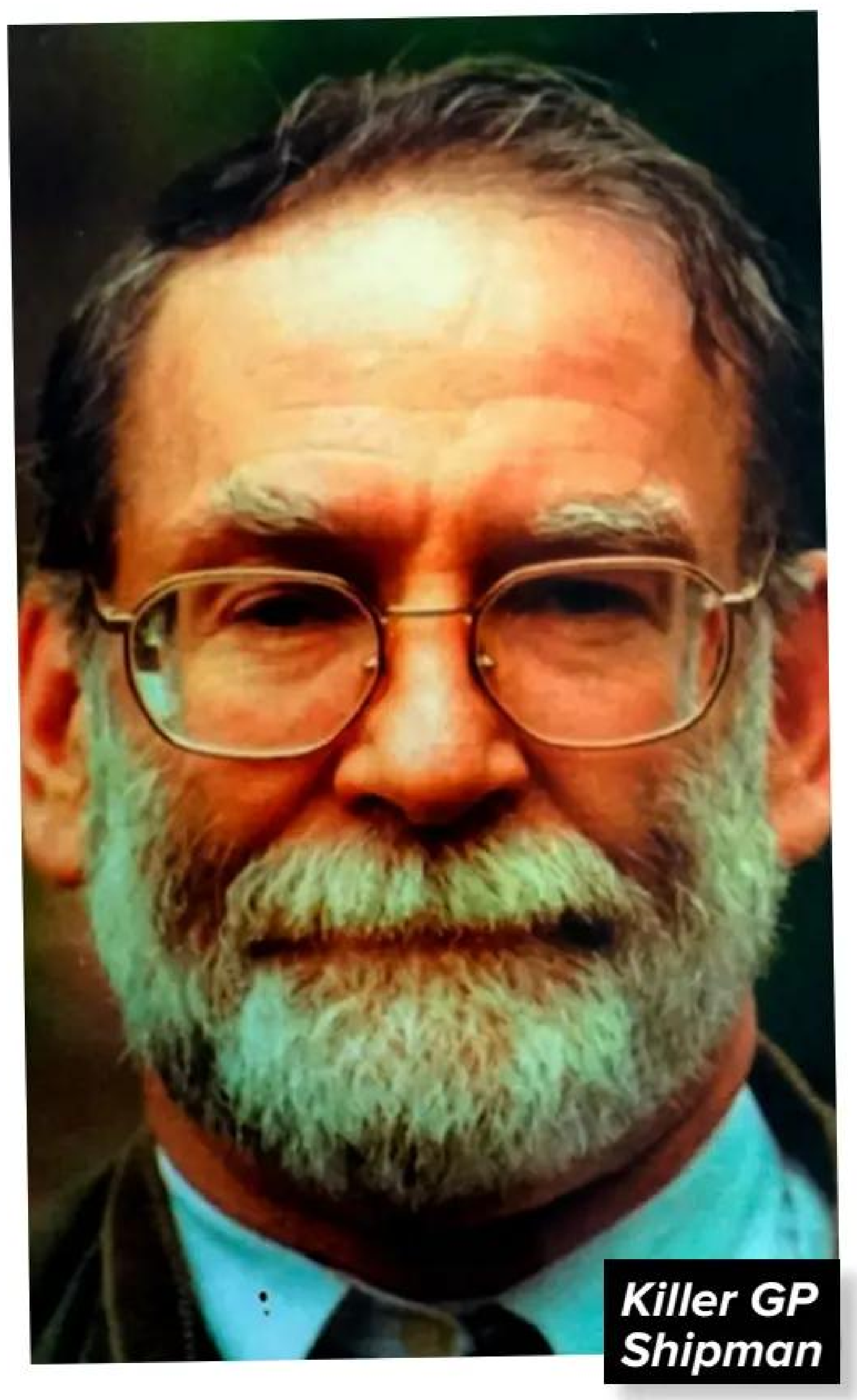
Cregan

Fiona Bone

Nicola Hughes

HAROLD SHIPMAN

Britain's most prolific serial killer, GP Harold Shipman, worked in the Hyde area of Manchester. In January 2000, he was found guilty of murdering 15 of his patients by lethal injection. Sentenced to life, it was recommended he never be released. After the trial, an inquiry concluded Shipman had actually killed an estimated 250 victims. Shipman killed himself in Wakefield Prison in January 2004, on the eve of his 58th birthday.



Killer GP Shipman

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Little James

THE MURDER OF JAMES BULGER

The unforgettable CCTV footage remains as chilling to this day as it was back in 1993.

Little James Bulger, 2, being led by the hand from The New Strand Shopping Centre in Bootle, Liverpool, by the boys who'd go on to kill him.

Robert Thompson and Jon Venables, both 10, walked the tot for over two miles to railway tracks where they murdered him.

When James' body was found, he had multiple skull fractures and other injuries that suggested he'd been hit with a metal bar and bricks, kicked and stamped on.

Thompson and Venables became Britain's youngest convicted murderers in November 1993 for what the judge called 'an act of unparalleled evil and barbarity'.

James is taken

Thompson

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Venables

THE MURDER OF ANTHONY WALKER

At 11pm on 29 July 2005, popular student Anthony Walker, 18, and his cousin walked his girlfriend to the bus stop in Huyton, Liverpool.

As they passed a pub, thug Michael Barton shouted racist abuse at the group, which they ignored. But later, Barton and his friend Paul Taylor ambushed the teenagers. Anthony's cousin and girlfriend escaped, while Anthony was killed by Taylor with a blow to the head from an ice axe.

That December, Paul Taylor, 20, got 23 years for murder, Michael Barton, 17, got 17 years, reduced by a year in 2016.

Anthony: brutally killed

Taylor

Barton

DERRICK BIRD

It was the UK's worst mass shooting since the 1996 Dunblane massacre. In June 2010, taxi driver Derrick Bird, 52, left his home in Rowrah, Cumbria, drove to the home of David, his twin, and shot and killed him.

Then he drove to his family solicitor Kevin Commons' home and shot him dead, too.

His next victim was a fellow taxi driver. By now, police were hunting Bird and told residents of nearby towns to stay indoors. But by the time Bird's body was found at 1.40pm, he'd killed 12 people and left 25 injured before shooting himself.

At an inquest into Derrick Bird's death, a medical expert described him as 'delusional and paranoid'. He'd apparently murdered his brother and solicitor believing they were in cahoots against him over a tax bill. He'd targeted his workmate over a jibe that'd been made over his personal hygiene.

But no-one could ever offer a satisfactory explanation of this senseless, devastating crime.

Evil: Bird

YORKSHIR

Evil: Griffiths

THE CROSSBOW CANNIBAL

The victims' families left flowers outside Griffiths' home

Between June 2009 and May 2010, Stephen Griffiths murdered three sex workers in Bradford, West Yorkshire.

His final attack was captured on CCTV and led to his arrest.

He shot his last victim – Suzanne Blamires – with a crossbow as she tried to escape his flat, before stabbing her in the head with a knife.

In custody, he boasted to officers of West Yorkshire Police, 'I've killed loads,' and also claimed to have eaten body parts of his victims.

In custody, he boasted to the police...

It's thought his other known victims – Shelley Armitage and Susan Rushworth – also suffered this fate.

Griffiths, who called himself the Crossbow Cannibal, was jailed for life and will die in prison.

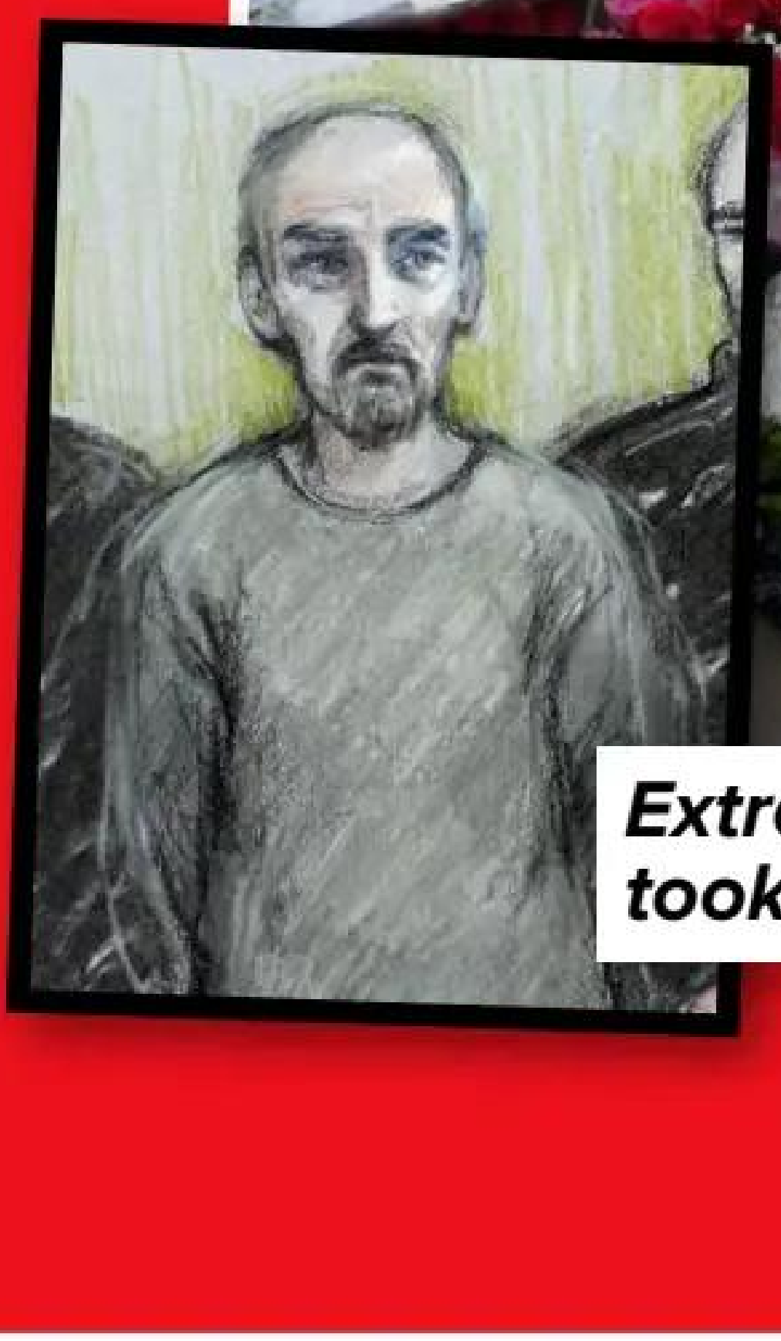
THE MURDER OF JO COX

Jo Cox, 41, was MP for Batley and Spen, West Yorkshire – the constituency where she was born – and was married with two small children, aged 5 and 3.

On 16 June 2016, she was killed outside the library where she was to hold a constituency meeting.

She was shot in the head and chest with a sawn-off hunting rifle and stabbed 15 times.

Jo's killer Thomas Mair – a far-right extremist – was convicted of her murder last November and was given a whole-life term.



Extremist Mair took Jo's life

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THE YORKSHIRE RIPPER

So many victims...

Prolific killer Sutcliffe

Known as the Yorkshire Ripper, serial killer Peter Sutcliffe, from Bingley, in Bradford, West Yorkshire, is serving 20 concurrent life sentences after he was found guilty of 13 murders and seven attempted murders in 1981.

Over five years, he attacked women across West Yorkshire and Manchester, picking victims he believed to be prostitutes, though not all were.

Once arrested, he attempted to plead guilty to manslaughter, claiming diminished responsibility and saying God told him to kill prostitutes.

Sutcliffe served most of his sentence in Broadmoor Hospital, a high-security psychiatric facility, but was judged sane enough to be moved to HMP Frankland in 2016.

Little Shannon

THE KIDNAPPING OF SHANNON MATTHEWS

In February 2009, Karen Matthews, from Dewsbury, called the police when her daughter Shannon, 9, didn't come home from school.

What followed was the biggest investigation by West Yorkshire Police since the hunt for the Yorkshire Ripper.

Every newspaper in the country reported on the case, with one offering a £50,000 reward for information leading to Shannon's safe return.

Three weeks after she'd gone missing, Shannon was found alive at a flat less than a mile from her home.

The flat belonged to Michael Donovan – the uncle of Karen's boyfriend. Donovan was arrested and, soon after, so was Karen Matthews.

In November 2008, both denied charges of kidnapping, false imprisonment and perverting the course of justice.

Leeds Crown Court heard Karen had engineered Shannon's kidnap with Donovan to claim the reward.

Shannon had been drugged, tethered, and hidden inside a divan bed during her captivity.

Matthews and Donovan were found guilty of all charges and jailed for eight years. Both have now served their sentence.

Have you seen SHANNON MATTHEWS?

Mum Karen Matthews

THE FOX KILLINGS

Arthur Hutchinson, also known as The Fox, was wanted by police for rape. Then, on 23 October 1983, he broke into the Sheffield home of Basil and Avril Laitner. Also there were their children Richard, 26, and Nicola, 18...

Hutchinson killed Richard, Basil and Avril, then raped Nicola at knifepoint before fleeing. He'd already spent five years in prison for attempting to murder his brother-in-law.

After a 39-day manhunt, The Fox was captured and is serving life. He will never be released.

Hutchinson: The Fox

Victims: Avril and Basil Laitner

THE MURDER OF SHARON BESHENIVSKY

Sharon Beshenivsky had been an officer with West Yorkshire Police for nine months in November 2005.

On the day she was killed, the mum of five and her colleague went to an emergency call at a Bradford travel agency. There, they were fired on by armed robbers and Sharon was fatally wounded, her colleague seriously injured.

Three men were convicted of her murder and got life. Three others were also jailed in connection to the killing.

Sharon Beshenivsky

EAST MID

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MURDER OF KAYLEIGH HAYWOOD

Kayleigh Haywood, 15, met Luke Harlow, 28, online in 2015.

For two weeks, with over 2,600 texts, he groomed her. Said she was beautiful, declared his love, persuaded her to visit.

On Friday 15 November, Kayleigh's dad dropped her at Ibstock Community College, Leicestershire, believing she was staying with a friend.

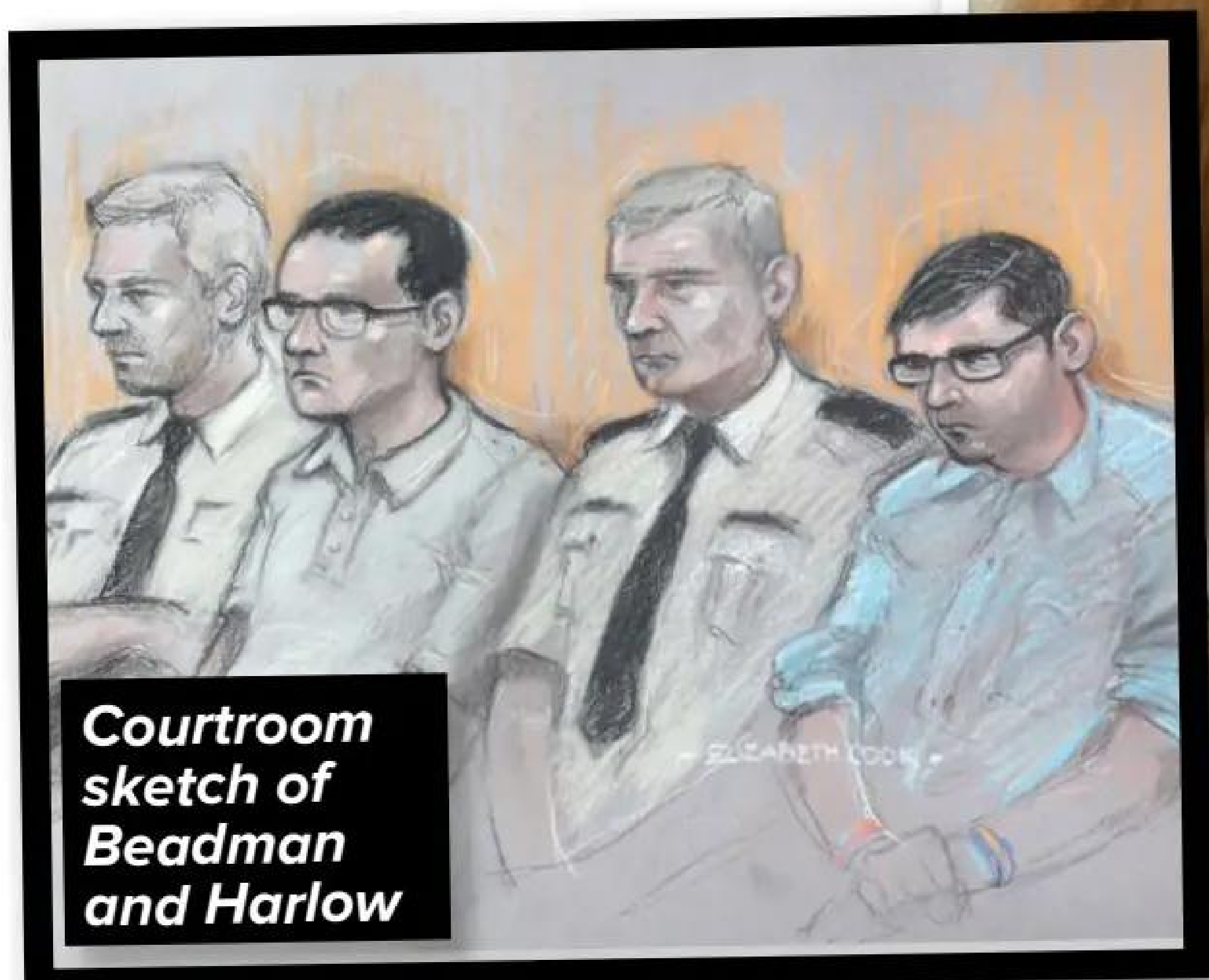
At Harlow's flat, Kayleigh met his neighbour Stephen Beadman, 29, and she was abused, plied with alcohol.

Her worried parents reported her missing.

At 3am Sunday morning, a neighbour saw Kayleigh flee Harlow's flat, naked from the waist down.

Beadman chased her, raped her and killed her with a brick. Harlow was jailed 12 years for sexual activity, grooming and falsely imprisoning a child. Beadman was jailed for life for rape, murder and false imprisonment of a child.

Her worried parents reported her missing



Courtroom sketch of Beadman and Harlow

Kayleigh was raped and killed

COLIN PITCHFORK

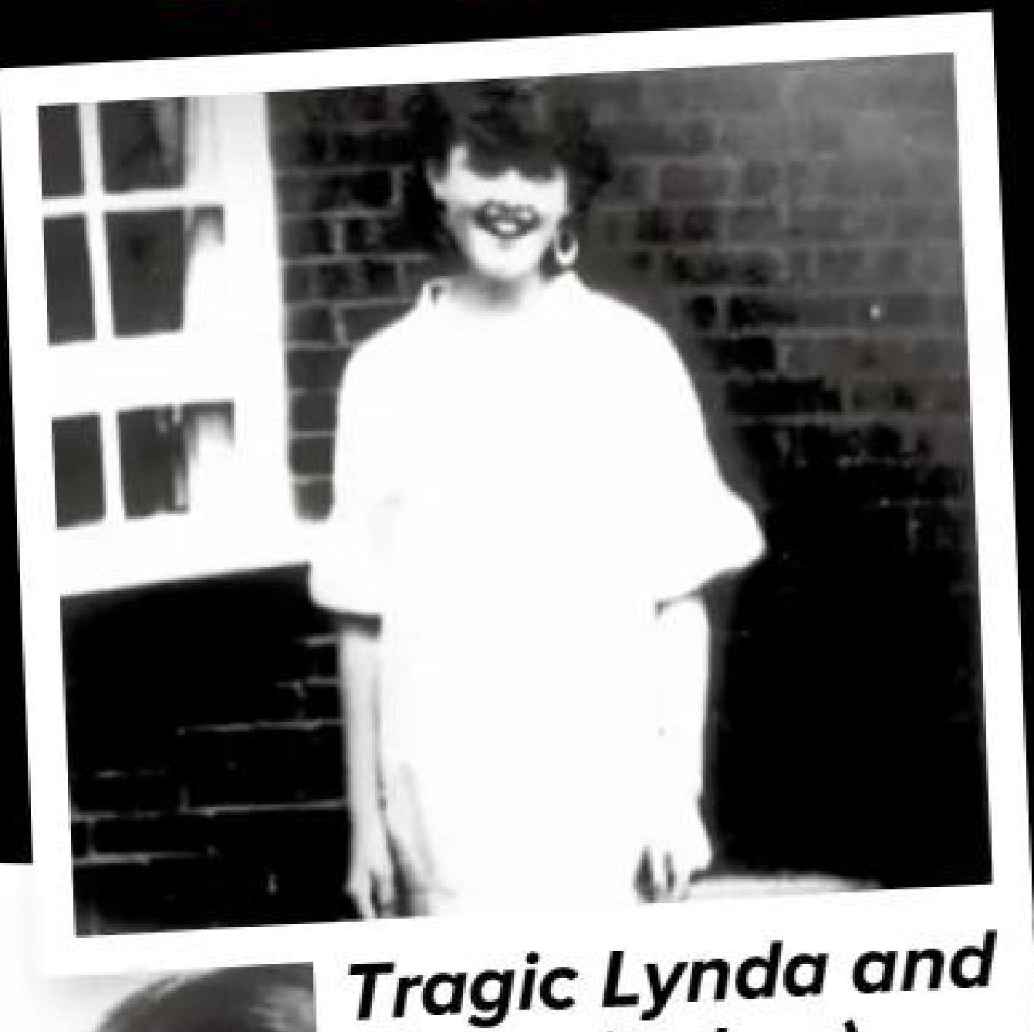
November 1983 – Lynda Mann, 15, was found raped and strangled in Narborough. The case went cold until July 1986, when Dawn Ashworth, 15, was raped and strangled less than a mile away.

The year before, Alec Jeffreys, a British genetics researcher, had discovered DNA profiling.

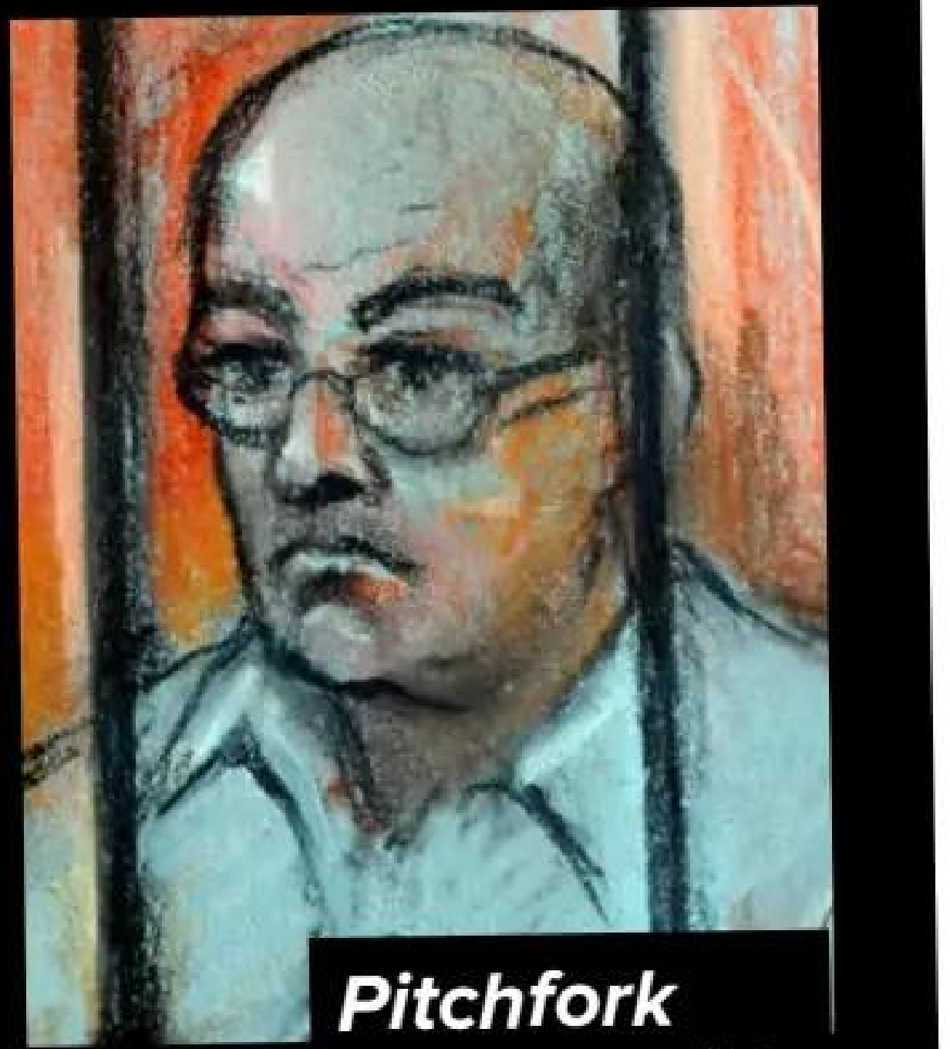
Testing semen samples found at both crime scenes, Jeffreys linked the cases. Police asked local men aged 17 to 34 to submit blood.

Jeffreys tested the DNA samples.

After being overheard admitting he paid a colleague to provide blood on his behalf, local man Colin Pitchfork, then 25, was arrested. His DNA matched both samples, and he was jailed for life.



Tragic Lynda and Dawn (below)



Pitchfork was caught by DNA

SUSAN AND CHRISTOPHER EDWARDS

In October 2013, police dug up a garden in Mansfield and found the remains of former residents Patricia and William Wycherley, 63 and 85.

The pair's daughter Susan Edwards, 56, and husband Christopher, 57, were arrested – turned out they'd shot and buried them in May 1998.

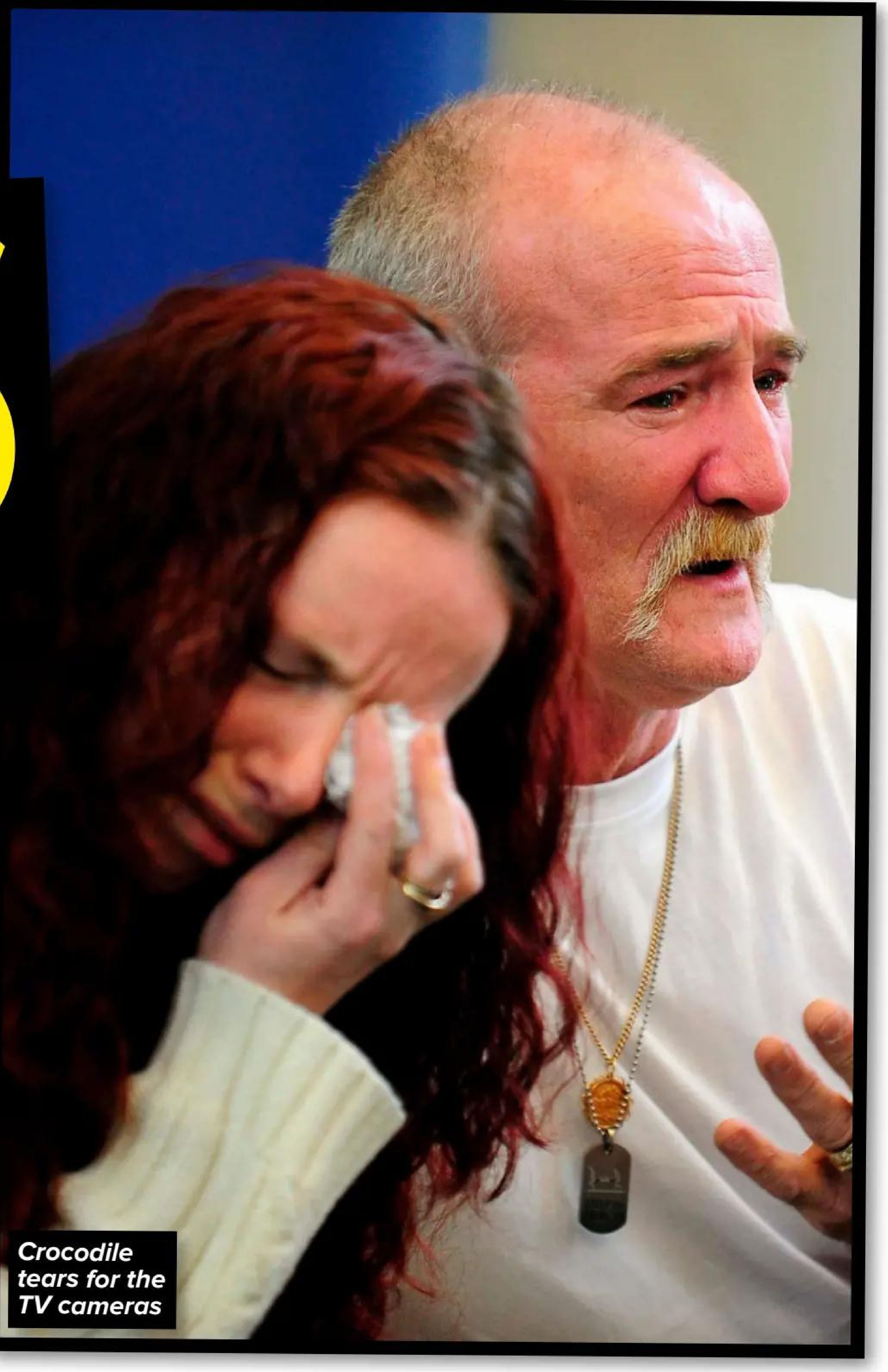
For 15 years, Susan said her parents were travelling, but after living off their benefits, a letter to William from the Department For Work and Pensions scared them to confess. They were convicted of murder and given life.

BLENHEIM CLOSE

Blenheim Close, where the Wycherleys were killed

LANDS

Tributes left outside the Philpotts' torched home


Crocodile tears for the TV cameras

THE PHILPOTTS

At 4am on 11 May 2012, Mick and Mairead Philpott's home, 18 Victory Road, Derby, went up in flames.

Despite Mick's apparently valiant efforts to save their kids, Duwayne, 13, Jade, 10, John, 9, Jack, 7, Jesse, 6, and Jayden, 5, all died.

Detectives found petrol inside the letterbox, and suspected arson.

But while Mick and Mairead sobbed during a TV press conference, police already considered them suspects.

A tangled love triangle emerged. Mick's mistress, who'd lived with the Philpotts, had walked out with her five kids – a custody hearing loomed. Mick planned to torch the family home, frame his ex lover, and win custody.

But a horrific fireball engulfed the house, trapping his and Mairead's children upstairs.

In April 2013, Mick and Mairead Philpott were found guilty of six counts of manslaughter. Mick was jailed for life, Mairead for 17 years.

A friend involved in the plot – Paul Mosley, 47 – also got a 17-year sentence for manslaughter.

MURDER OF DANIELLE BECCAN

Danielle: shot in cold blood

On her way home from the Nottingham Goose Fair in October 2004, Danielle Beccan, 14, was shot in the stomach and killed in a drive-by.

Junior Andrews, then 24, and Mark Kelly, then 20, part of the Waterfront gang, were charged. They hated the St Ann's area where Danielle lived and they'd wanted to 'shoot up' people.

Kelly

Andrews

When they saw Danielle, Kelly pulled up next to her and Andrews opened fire.

Andrews and Kelly were jailed for life.

BEVERLEY ALLITT

Liam Taylor, 7 months, was the first victim of serial killer nurse Beverley Allitt, then 22, in February 1991 at Grantham and Kesteven Hospital, Lincolnshire.

Within 59 days she'd killed Timothy Hardwick, 11, Becky Phillips, 2 months, and Claire Peck, 15 months, and tried to kill or harm nine more children.

Staff became suspicious of the number of heart attacks on the ward. Allitt was the only nurse on duty when the children were attacked. She'd given at least two of them large doses of insulin.

In May 1993, Allitt was given 13 life sentences.

The angel of death...

WEST MIDLA

Innocent victims

L-R: Cheryl, Charlene, Sophie and Letisha

MURDER OF CHARLENE ELLIS AND LETISHA SHAKESPEARE

Best mates Letisha Shakespeare, 17, and Charlene Ellis, 18, were shot as they left a party in Aston, Birmingham, in the early hours of 2 January 2003.

Charlene's twin Sophie, their cousin Cheryl Shaw, and friend Leon Harris were injured by the burst from an illegal submachine gun, fired from a car. The teenagers were innocent victims of a bitter gangland feud between the Johnson Crew and Burger Bar Boys.

Charlene's half-brother Marcus Ellis, 24, along with Michael Gregory, 23, Nathan Martin, 26, and Rodrigo Simms, 20 – all alleged members of the Burger Bar Boys – were convicted of the murders and jailed for life.

A machine gun was fired from a car...

L-R: Marcus Ellis, Michael Gregory, Nathan Martin and Rodrigo Simms

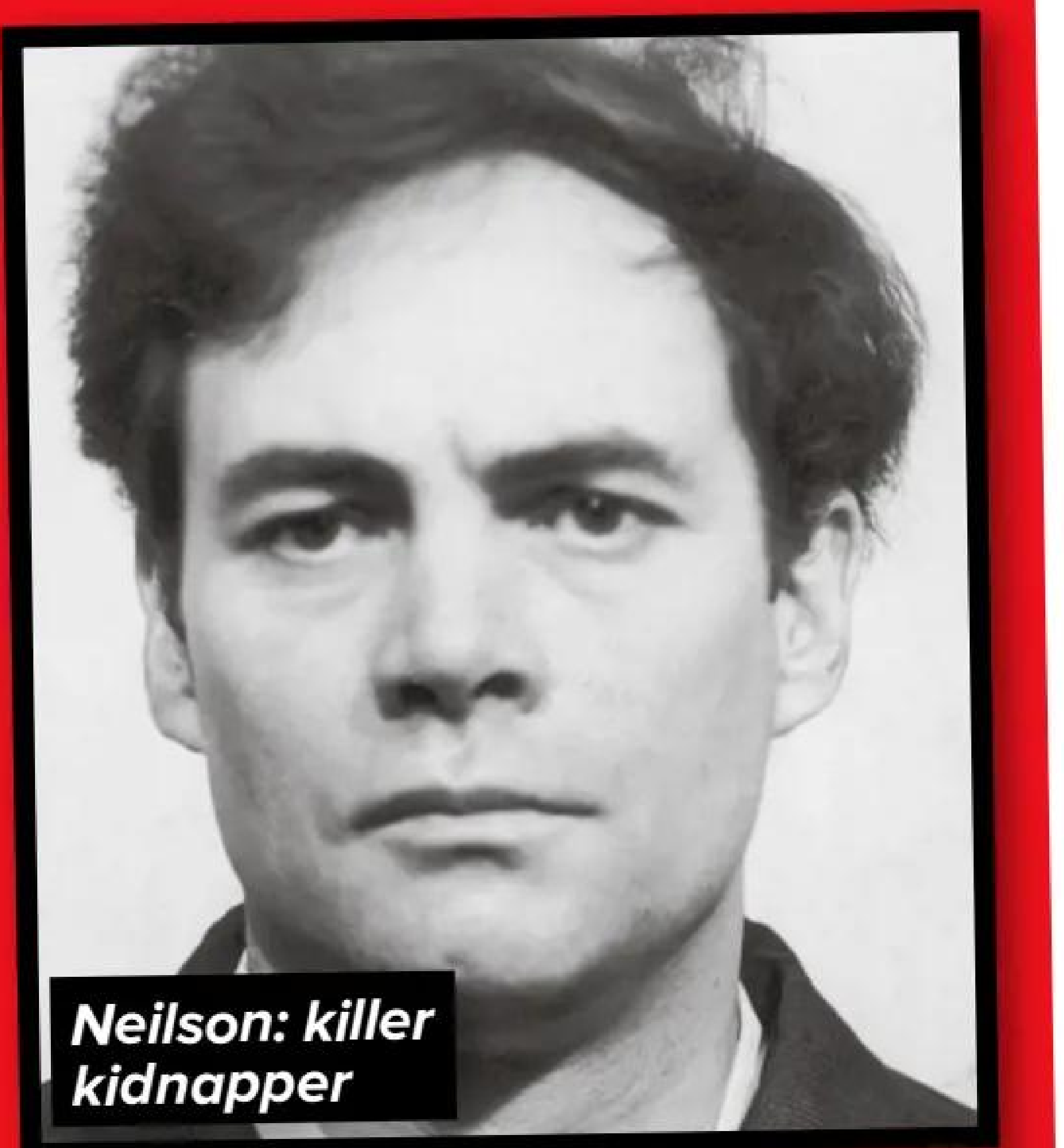
THE BLACK PANTHER

Donald Neilson was a burglar but, in 1967, moved on to armed robberies of post offices and – in 1974 – murder.

Within nine months, he'd shot dead sub-postmasters Donald Skepper, Derek Astin and Sidney Grayland during almost identical robberies. The media dubbed the balaclava-wearing killer the 'Black Panther'.

In January 1975, he kidnapped heiress Lesley Whittle, 17, in Shropshire, and demanded a £50,000 ransom but never got the money. Lesley was found dead months later – hanged in a drainage shaft.

Neilson was given four life sentences for the murders. He died in prison in 2011.


Neilson: killer kidnapper

MONSTER OF WORCESTER

Friday, 13 April 1973 – the mutilated bodies of siblings Paul, 4, Dawn, 2, and Samantha Ralph, just 9 months, were found impaled on a neighbour's garden railings.

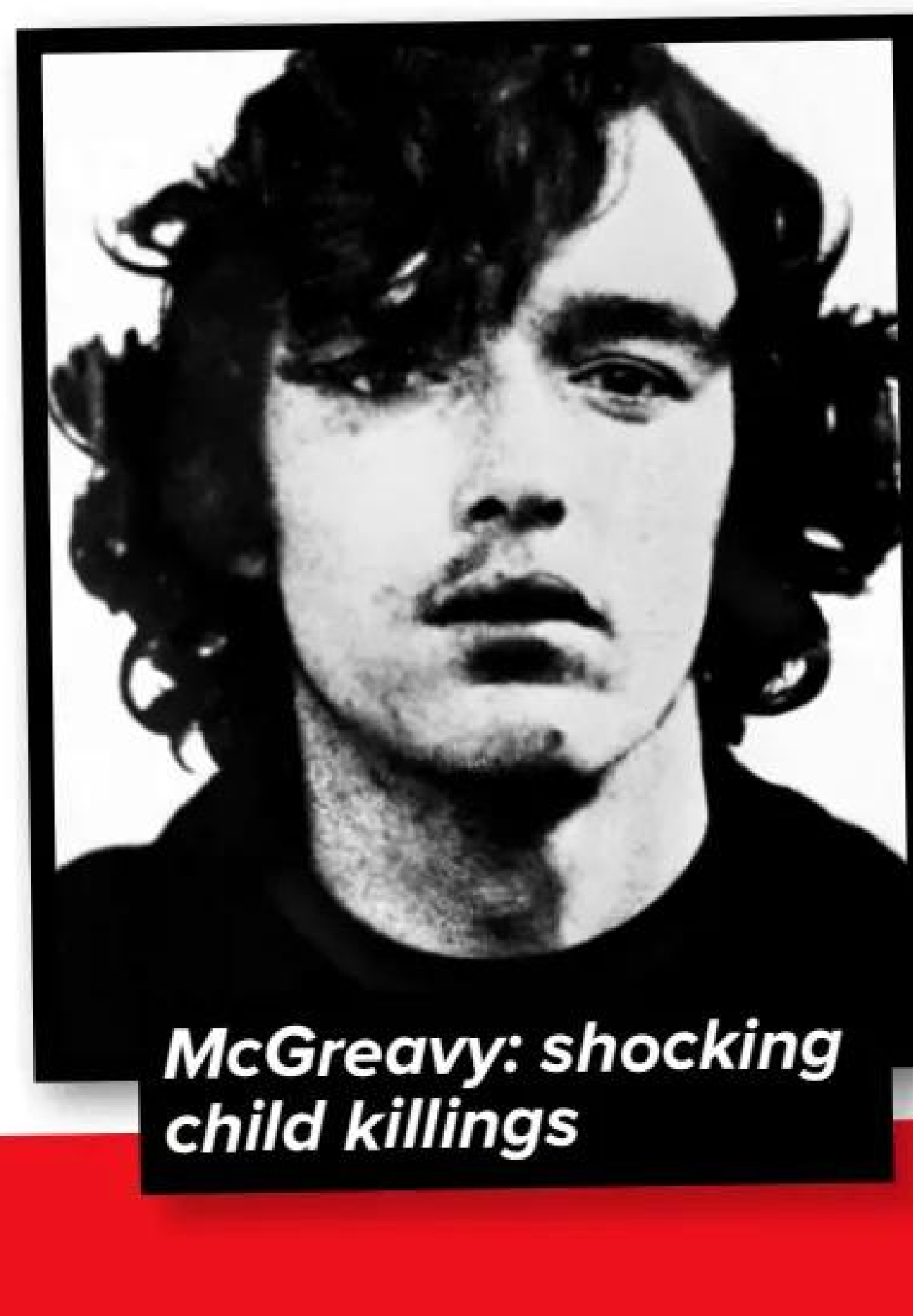
Police arrested the Ralph family's lodger, David McGreavy, then aged 21.

The children's dad Clive had left McGreavy babysitting while he collected his wife Dorothy from work.

But when Samantha cried, McGreavy – who'd been drinking – flipped and battered her to death. Next, he strangled Paul, then cut Dawn's throat.

McGreavy then mutilated their bodies with a pickaxe, before impaling them.

In June 1973, David McGreavy pleaded guilty to three murders and was sentenced to life in prison with a minimum term of 20 years. He was controversially released on parole in December 2018.


McGreavy: shocking child killings

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Poor little Daniel: tortured

MURDER OF DANIEL PELKA

Daniel Pelka, 4, was starved and beaten by his mother Magdalena Luczak, 29, and her boyfriend Mariusz Krezolek, 36, before he died in their Coventry home in March 2012.

Daniel was locked in a room, force-fed salt, and subjected to water torture.

Krezolek broke Daniel's arm in 2011, but the couple claimed that he'd fallen off the sofa.

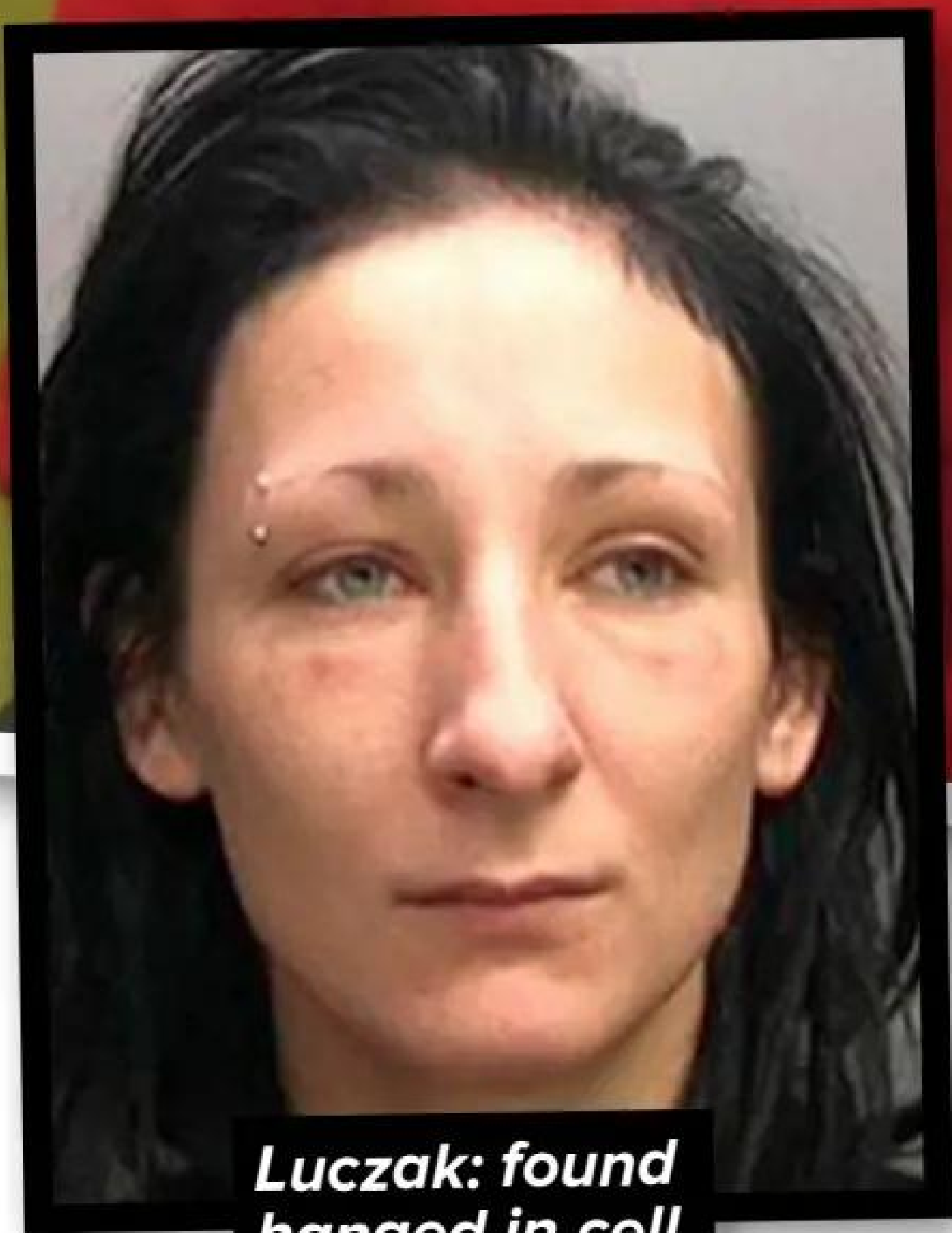
Daniel weighed just 1st 9lb when he died.

Krezolek and Luczak blamed each other but were both convicted of Daniel's murder and jailed for life with a minimum 30-year term.

A serious-case review found there were missed opportunities to help little Daniel. Social services had investigated in 2011 and teachers had raised concerns when the underweight child was caught stealing food and eating from bins.

Daniel's teachers had raised concerns

Luczak was found hanged in her cell in July 2015. Krezolek died of a heart attack in prison in 2016.



Luczak: found hanged in cell

Krezolek: heart attack in prison

TRACIE ANDREWS

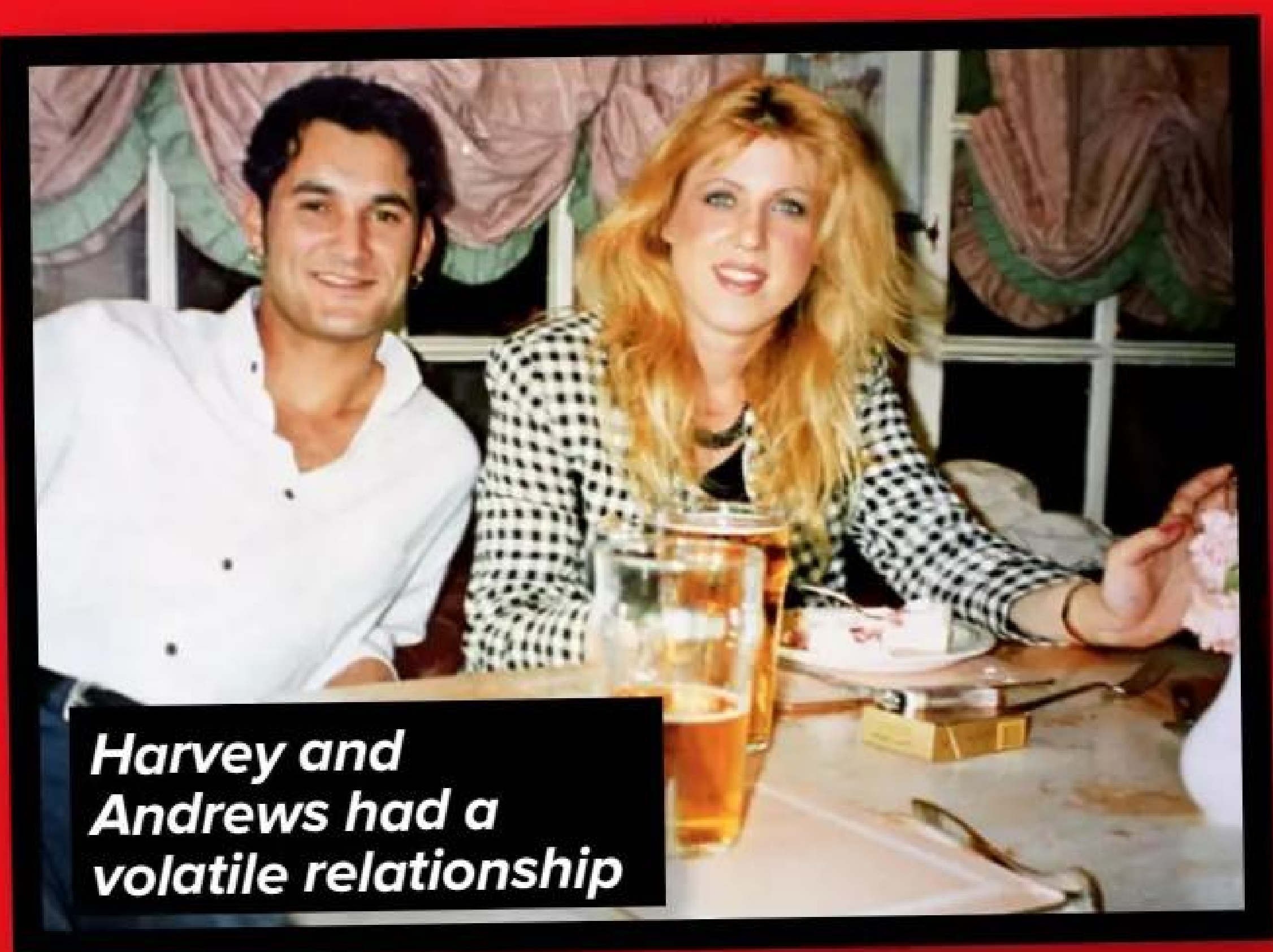
Lee Harvey, 25, was stabbed 42 times in his car on a quiet lane near Alvechurch, Worcs. His fiancee Tracie Andrews claimed a man had murdered Lee during a road-rage attack after a three-mile car chase.

Andrews sobbed during a press conference appealing for info, but it emerged that the couple had had a volatile relationship, and Andrews could be violent.

Police found the murder weapon hidden in the petrol tank of Lee's car and Andrews was charged with his murder.

Andrews claimed she acted in self-defence but the court heard that she'd stabbed Lee to death after a row broke out in the car.

She was convicted of murder and jailed for life. Andrews, was released in July 2011 after serving 14 years of her sentence.



Harvey and Andrews had a volatile relationship

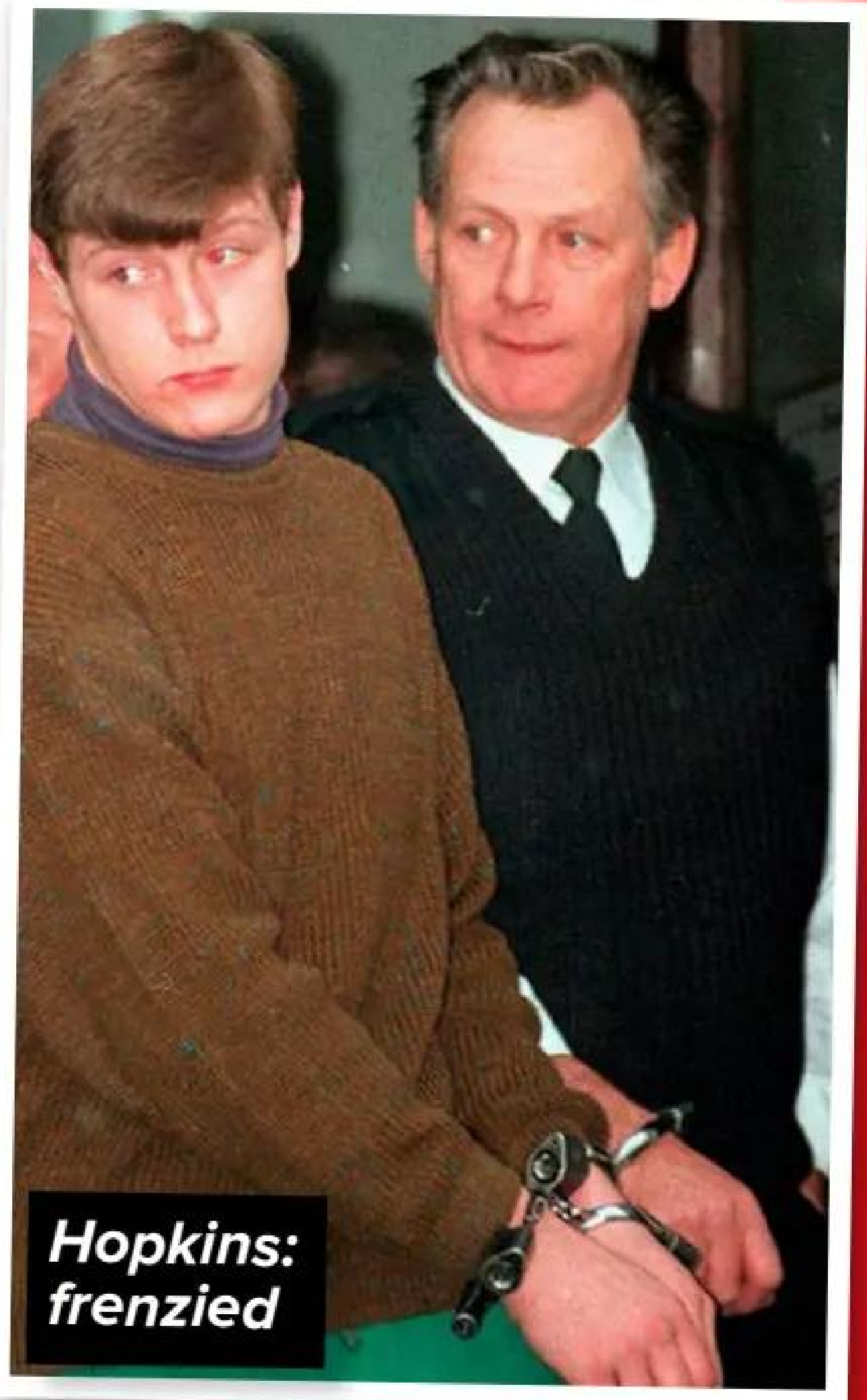
MURDER OF NAOMI SMITH

At 9.45 on 14 September 1995, Naomi Smith, 15, went to post a letter for her mum.

Just before midnight, Naomi's father and her best friend found Naomi's half-naked body underneath the slide of a local playground a few hundred metres from her home in Ansley Common, Nuneaton.

Naomi had been sexually assaulted, her throat cut and body mutilated. DNA found on her body matched that of local man Edwin Hopkins, 19. During his trial, it was revealed Hopkins had an obsession with knives.

He was convicted of murdering Naomi during a frenzied attack and jailed for life. Hopkins maintained his innocence, but an application to review his minimum term in 2010 was declined.



Hopkins: frenzied

WALES

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MURDER OF REBECCA AYLWARD

On 25 October 2010, Rebecca Aylward, 15, awoke at 6am, did her make-up, put on new clothes.

She was excited about meeting ex-boyfriend Joshua Davies, 16, hoping they'd rekindle their relationship.

But Davies hated Rebecca. With mates he met on Sundays for breakfast, he'd discussed ways to kill her – poisoning, drowning, pushing her off a cliff.

He'd discussed ways to kill his ex

In the end, that rainy morning, Davies lured her to secluded woods near Aberkenfig, Bridgend, and hit her over the head with a rock.

Rebecca's distraught family reported her missing and her body was found the next day.

And Joshua Davies was arrested.

His murder trial heard he'd killed Rebecca over a bet for a free breakfast. A mate had said he'd buy him a 'full English' if he carried out his threats.

Davies was convicted, jailed for life to serve a minimum term of 14 years in prison. In 2018, Davies finally admitted to the murder to prison officers.

Davies: killed Rebecca for a bet

MURDER OF KAREN PRICE

Police cordon off the crime scene

In 1989, workmen found a rolled-up carpet while digging up a garden in Cardiff's Riverside area. Inside were the remains of a girl.

Forensic experts made a clay reconstruction of the girl's head, identifying her as Karen Price, 15, who'd disappeared from a children's home in July 1981. Back then, the basement flat where her body had been found was occupied by Alan Charlton.

In 1991, Charlton and another man, Idris Ali – accused of being Karen's pimp – were convicted of her murder.

The trial heard that Charlton had killed Karen when she refused to perform sex acts, while Ali helped bury her body.

In 1994, Ali successfully appealed, pleaded guilty to manslaughter at his retrial, and was freed. Charlton has made several appeals against his conviction. All have been dismissed and he remains in jail.

IAN WATKINS

On stage with Lostprophets

In December 2012, Ian Watkins – lead singer of award-winning band Lostprophets, with 3.5m album sales worldwide – was arrested on charges of child abuse.

As the case unfolded, horrifying details emerged. Watkins seduced female fans he met online and manipulated them until they allowed him to use their children to fulfil his depraved sex fantasies.

In November 2013, Watkins was jailed for 35 years after admitting a string of child sex offences, including attempted rape of a baby and sexually abusing children.

Watkins: child abuser

His two co-defendants – the two mothers of children he abused – were jailed for 14 and 17 years.

The judge, Mr Justice Royce, said the case 'plunged into new depths of depravity'.

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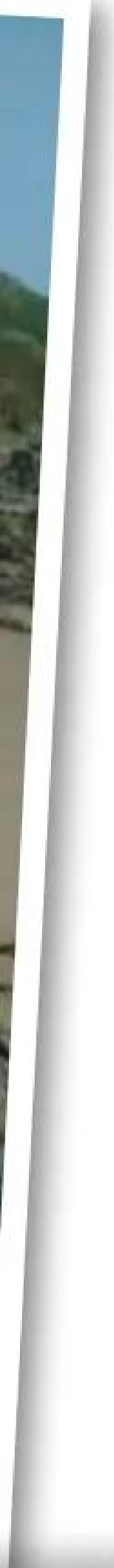

Tributes for April left outside Bridger's former home

Little April was never found

MURDER OF APRIL JONES

April Jones, just 5 years old, disappeared on 1 October 2012, while playing on her bike near her home in Machynlleth, mid Wales.

April's friend said she'd willingly got into a car with a man.

Her hysterical parents Coral and Paul called the police, sparking the largest search in UK policing history. Within hours, media appeals were made and April's photo hit global news.

Police set up roadblocks, hundreds of volunteers searched and, the next evening, local Mark Bridger, 46, was arrested.

The desperate search for April continued.

After five days, Bridger was charged with April's abduction and murder. Her body was never found.

At Bridger's April 2013 trial, it emerged that tiny, burnt bone pieces were found in his fireplace, and that blood in his cottage living room matched April's DNA.

Bridger was convicted of abducting and murdering April and jailed for life.

Bridger: jailed for life

MURDER OF FFION WYN ROBERTS

Ffion Wyn Roberts' body was found in a drainage ditch behind her Porthmadog home in April 2010. She'd last been seen alive enjoying a night out with family and friends.

Detectives launched a massive murder hunt and, eight weeks later, arrested local Iestyn Davies at his workplace, a wool factory close to Ffion's home. Davies was known to Ffion's family.

Davies' murder trial heard he'd attacked Ffion, 22, as she made her way home. He'd beaten her, strangled her with her own scarf and left the care worker to drown in the ditch.

DNA traces were found on the scarf and Davies was captured on CCTV in the area at the time she was killed. He was found guilty, jailed for life, with a minimum 25-year term.

Coastal town Porthmadog

JOHN COOPER

In December 1985, farmer Richard Thomas, 58, and his sister Helen, 56, were shot dead, and their home near Milford Haven set alight.

In June 1989, couple Peter and Gwenda Dixon, 51 and 52, were shot dead on a coastal path. They'd been tied up and robbed, Gwenda sexually assaulted.

Then, in March 1996, five Milford Haven teens were held at gunpoint. One girl, 16, was raped at knifepoint, another, 15, indecently assaulted.

Police long suspected a local convicted burglar, John Cooper, who was finally charged in 2011 on a review of DNA evidence.

Convicted of four murders, five attempted robberies, rape and indecent assault, he was given a whole-life sentence. An appeal against the conviction was rejected in 2012.

Cooper: at court for trial

Scene of the crime: the Thomases' farmhouse

EAST ENGLA

JOANNA DENNEHY

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Joanna Dennehy grew up in a loving home. But, at 16, she left, got into drink and drugs and lived in a violent fantasy world.

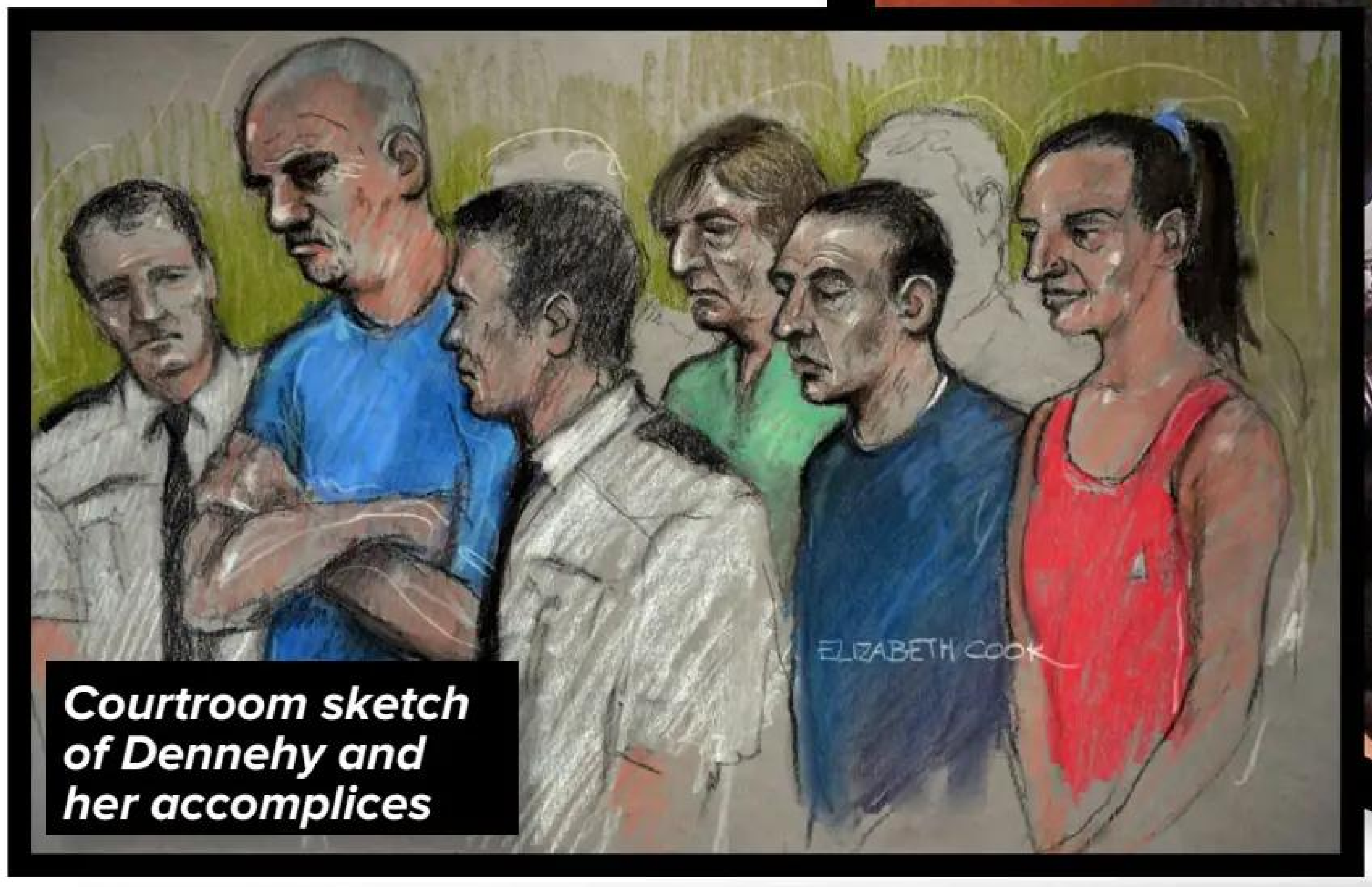
In March 2013, she launched a two-week killing spree, murdering men 'for fun'. She lured Lukasz Slaboszewski, 31, to her Peterborough flat with suggestive texts, stabbed him and dumped his body.

Ten days on, she stabbed housemate, John Chapman, 56. Next, she killed her landlord Kevin Lee, 48. He was found in a ditch in a sequinned dress.

Days later, she stabbed two men at random. Both survived.

When arrested, Dennehy laughed, danced around the police station, and was later diagnosed with psychopathic antisocial personality disorder.

Dennehy, 31, pleaded guilty to three counts of murder, and two of attempted murder. She received a whole-life sentence.



Courtroom sketch of Dennehy and her accomplices

The killer poses

SUFFOLK STRANGLER

Late in 2006, sex workers began disappearing – Tania Nicol, Gemma Adams, Anneli Alderton, Annette Nicholls and Paula Clennell – after being picked up from the Ipswich red-light district. Their naked bodies were found in remote locations.

Police tracked the murders back to Steve Wright. He'd drop his partner at work, then trawl the red-light district for small, slight prostitutes. After having sex with them, he'd kill them, dump their bodies, then go home, get changed, and go to work.

Convicted of the five murders, he got a whole- life sentence. His repeated appeals have been unsuccesful.

Courtroom sketch of Wright

Some of Wright's victims

TONY MARTIN

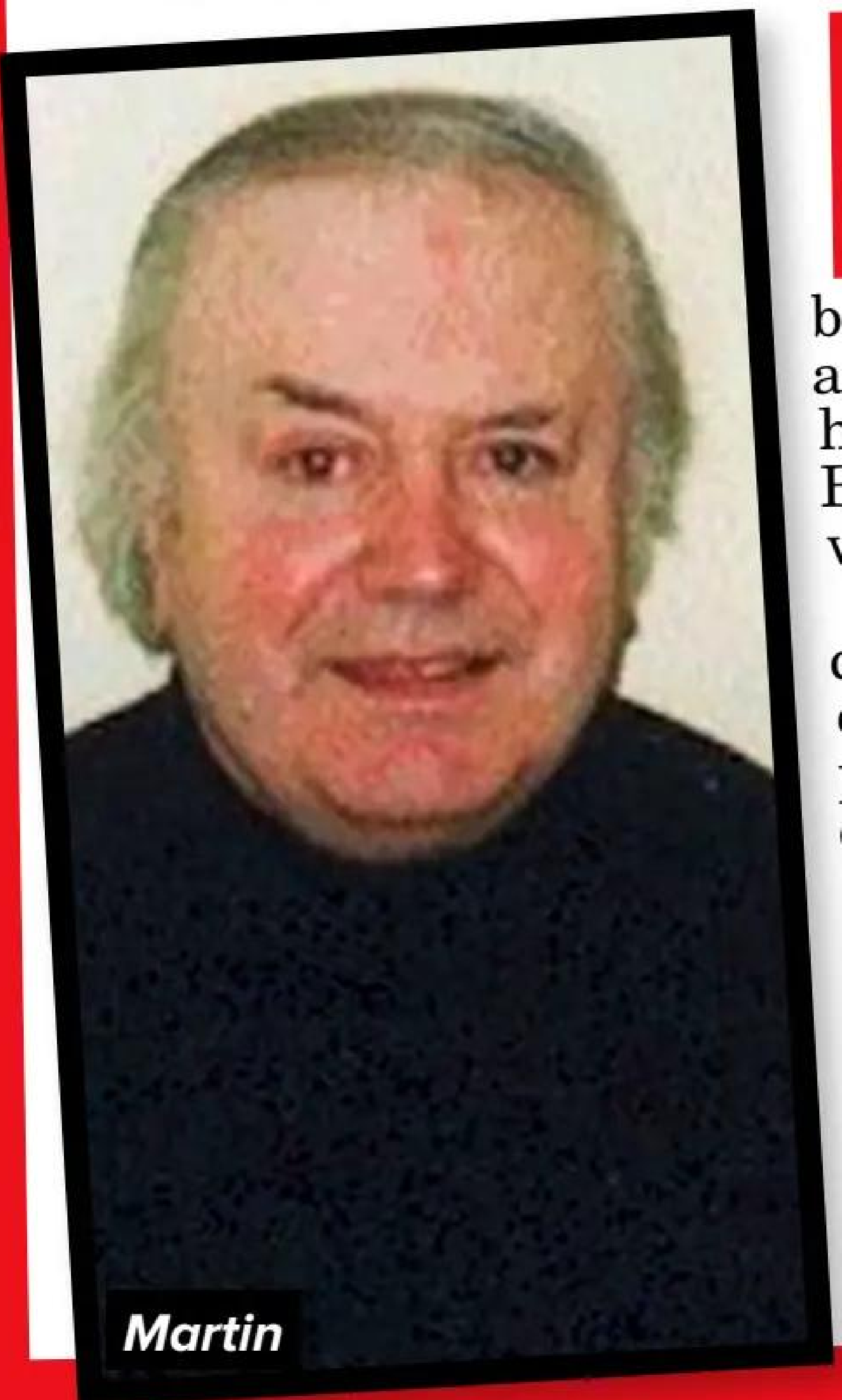
In August 1999, Fred Barras, 16, and Brendon Fearon, 28, broke into Tony Martin's Norfolk property.

Martin had had trouble with burglars before. Arming himself with an unlicensed pump-action shotgun, he fired at the intruders as they fled. Both had leg wounds, but Barras was shot in the back and died.

Martin was tried for murder but claimed self-defence. He was convicted, jailed for life. The case provoked debate over rights to defend property.

On appeal, Martin's defence claimed he was suffering paranoia, particularly regarding burglars, when he killed Barras.

Martin's conviction was reduced to manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility and he was released after three years.



Martin

AND

SOHAM MURDERS

The photo made headlines worldwide in August 2002…

Smiling best friends Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman, both 10, in matching Man Utd football shirts.

Shortly after the photo was taken, the schoolgirls had left a family barbecue to buy sweets and vanished.

Their bodies were found nearly two weeks later in a ditch near RAF Lakenheath, 12 miles from their homes in Soham.

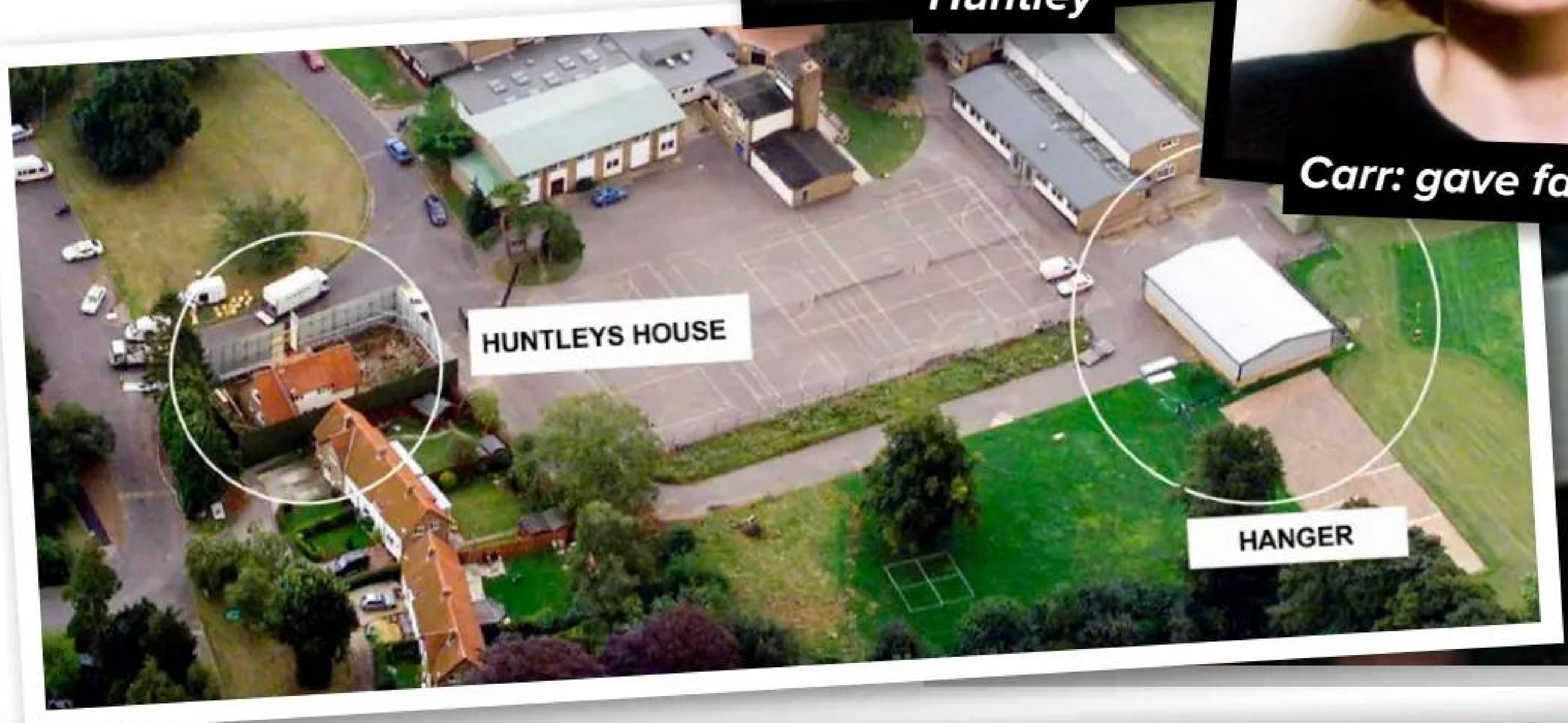
School caretaker Ian Huntley, who'd given several TV interviews during the search, was arrested. He'd lured the girls into his house as they walked by and murdered them, before disposing of their bodies.

He was jailed for life.

His girlfriend – the girls' teaching assistant Maxine Carr – was jailed for perverting the course of justice after initially giving Huntley a false alibi. She was released in 2004.

Huntley

Carr: gave false alibi



MURDER OF EMMA WARD

Emma Ward's family contacted police in May 2010, concerned for her safety. Her husband Nicky Ward claimed that weeks earlier she'd left him a note saying she was leaving him for another man – but there was no trace of the note. Detectives found rubbish bags in the garden containing Emma's passport, birth certificate and driving licence. Ward was arrested.

Forensics found bloodstains in the bedroom, on the landing, on a picture frame and pillowcase. Traces of Emma's blood were in the bathroom, and on an electric saw.

Ward was charged with murdering his wife in the bedroom of their Norfolk home because she was about to leave him, and dismembering her body in the bath with a chainsaw.

Her remains have never been found, but Ward was convicted, jailed for life.

Emma was missing

Husband Ward: jailed for life

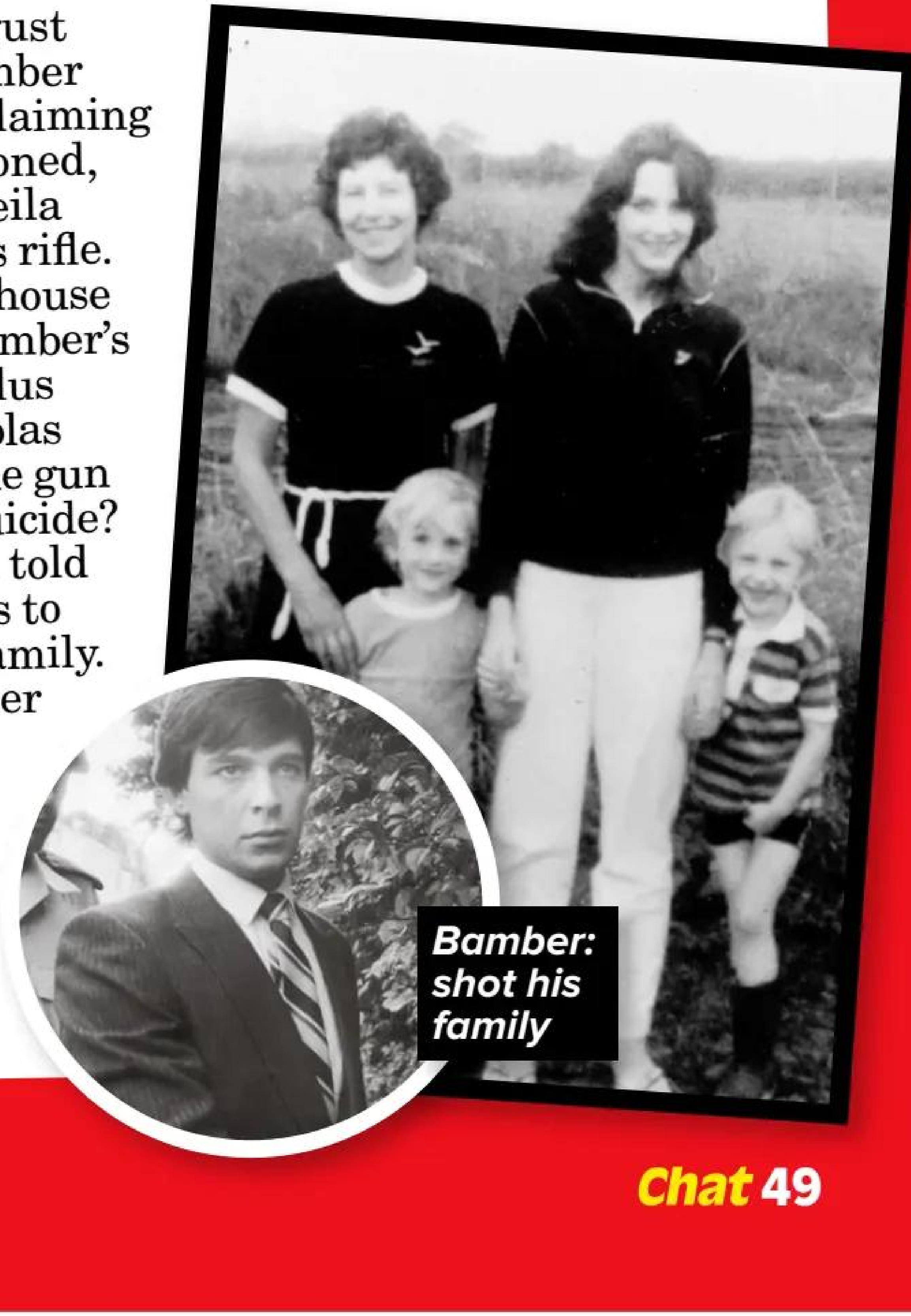
JEREMY BAMBER

At 3.30am on 7 August 1985, Jeremy Bamber called the police claiming his father had phoned, said his sister Sheila had 'gone berserk' with his rifle.

At his adoptive parents' house in Malden, police found Bamber's parents Nevill and June, plus Sheila and her twins Nicholas and Daniel, 6, shot dead, the gun by Sheila's side. Murder suicide?

But Bamber's girlfriend told police he'd confessed plans to hire a hitman to kill the family. And a blood-flecked silencer was found at the house.

Bamber was convicted of killing his family to inherit their fortune. He received a whole-life sentence, but still protests his innocence.



Bamber: shot his family

LONDON

MURDER OF NISHA PATEL-NASRI

Special Constable Nisha Patel-Nasri, 29, was stabbed to death outside her Wembley home in May 2006.

It was assumed she'd interrupted a burglary.

Her husband Fadi Nasri made an emotional televised appeal for information.

But, six months later, police found the murder weapon – a knife missing from the Nasris' kitchen – in a nearby drain.

CCTV footage showed a silver Audi – traced to a nightclub bouncer – pulling up to the drain.

The bouncer claimed his friend Jason Jones, 36, disposed of the knife.

Jones' phone records connected him to drug dealer Rodger Leslie – and also to Nisha's husband Fadi Nasri. Officers charged all four with murder.

At the February 2008 trial, it was revealed Nasri had been having an affair with a Lithuanian prostitute, was £100,000 in debt.

Nasri had paid Jones £15,000 to kill his wife for her life insurance – a deal set up by dealer Leslie.

The bouncer was acquitted, but Jones, Leslie and Nasri were all found guilty and sentenced to life.

Searching the street for evidence

Guilty: Fadi Nasri...

...and Jason Jones

JOHN CHRISTIE

On 9 March 1950, Timothy Evans was hanged for murdering his daughter Geraldine. Police believed he'd also killed his wife Beryl at 10 Rillington Place in Notting Hill, London.

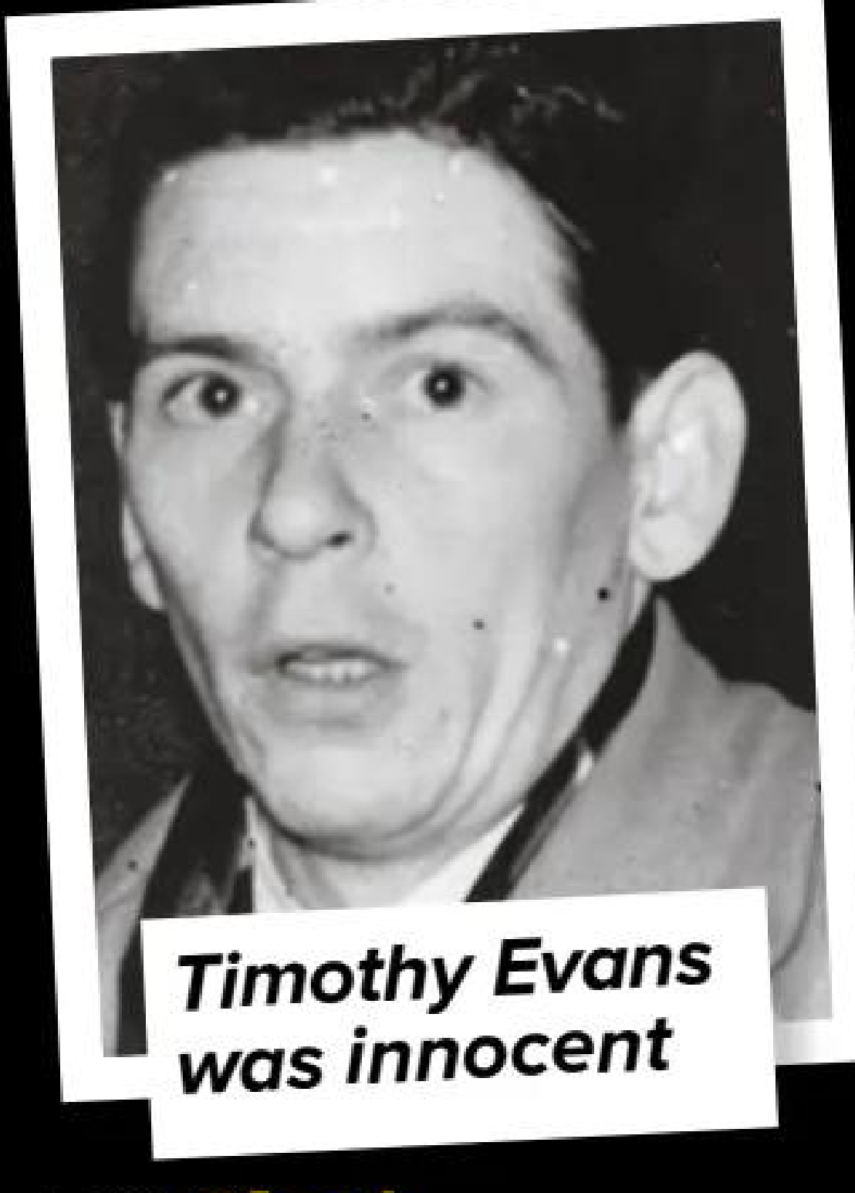
Evans claimed the downstairs neighbour John Christie killed Beryl in a botched abortion, but Christie was a prosecution witness, and the jury believed him.

When Christie moved house three years later, another tenant stumbled across three bodies in a hidden alcove in Christie's kitchen. A total of seven bodies were found in the house and garden – including those of Beryl and Geraldine, plus Christie's wife Ethel.

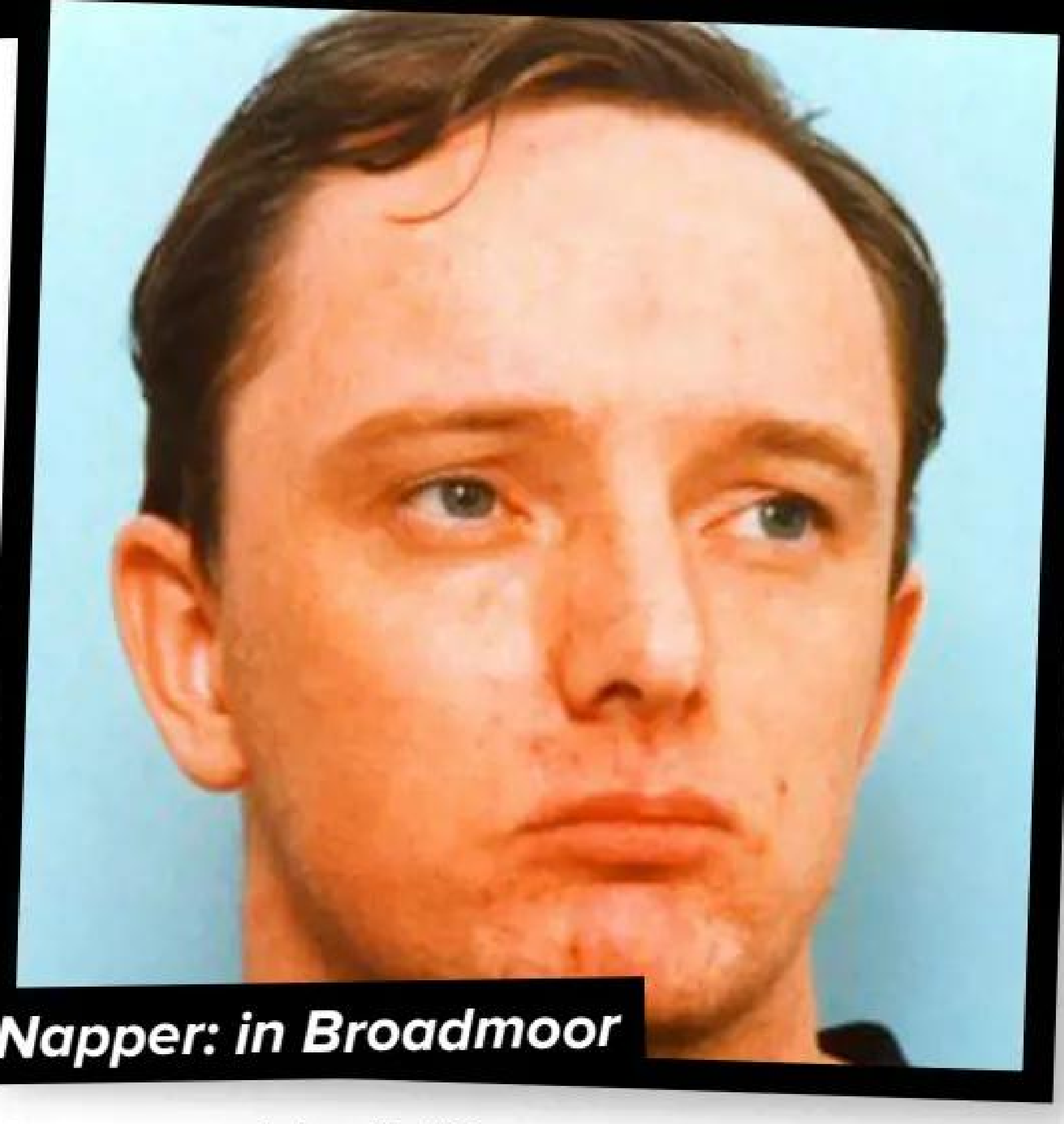
Christie was arrested and confessed to murdering seven women. Most were raped and strangled.

On 5 July 1953, Christie was hanged by the same executioner who'd hanged innocent Timothy Evans.

Christie: serial killer


Timothy Evans was innocent

KILLING OF RACHEL NICKELL


Napper: in Broadmoor

The sexual assault and killing of Rachel Nickell, 23, on Wimbledon Common in July 1992, was one of Britain's biggest unsolved cases. The model was stabbed 49 times in broad daylight. Heartbreakingly, her son, then 2, was found clinging to her, covered in blood, begging her to wake up.

A local man was charged, but the trial collapsed.

In November 2004, after a DNA breakthrough, killer and rapist Robert Napper became prime suspect. He was already in psychiatric hospital Broadmoor for murdering Samantha Bisset and her daughter Jazmine, 4, in 1993.

Napper finally admitted killing Rachel and, in 2008, pleaded guilty to manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility.

MARCH FOR BABY P
DON'T FORGET BABIES A - Z
JUSTICE FOR

The public petitioned for action on the care system to prevent future failings

DEATH OF BABY P

Nisha was stabbed to death

This distressing case left the nation horrified

In August 2007, 17-month-old Peter Connelly, known as Baby P before his full name was released to the media, was found dead in his cot in Haringey, north London, with a catalogue of injuries.

His mother Tracey, her lover Steven Barker and his brother Jason Owen had inflicted the unimaginable violence.

Prior to Peter's death, doctors and social services had noticed injuries, yet Peter was always returned to his mother.

Just days before Peter's death, a social worker failed to spot further injuries – disguised by chocolate deliberately smeared on his face.

When he died, little Peter had a broken back, fractured shin, his ear was ripped, a tooth knocked out and his head was gashed. The distressing case left the nation horrified.

Connelly, Barker and Owen were convicted of causing Peter's death, and jailed. Owen and Connelly were released but since returned to prison for breaching parole.

Haringey council apologised for its failure to save the life of little Peter Connelly.

His brother Jason Owen

DENNIS NILSEN

In February 1983, residents of 23 Cranley Gardens in Muswell Hill, north London, complained of blocked drains and a sickening stench.

In the outside drain, a technician found bones and rotting human remains.

In the filthy attic of Dennis Nilsen's flat, police found dismembered, decaying corpses. Nilsen had been luring young gay men to his flat, then strangling them.

After cutting them up, he'd boil the skin off their bones and hide body parts in the house. He'd flushed limbs, flesh and organs down the toilet and sink.

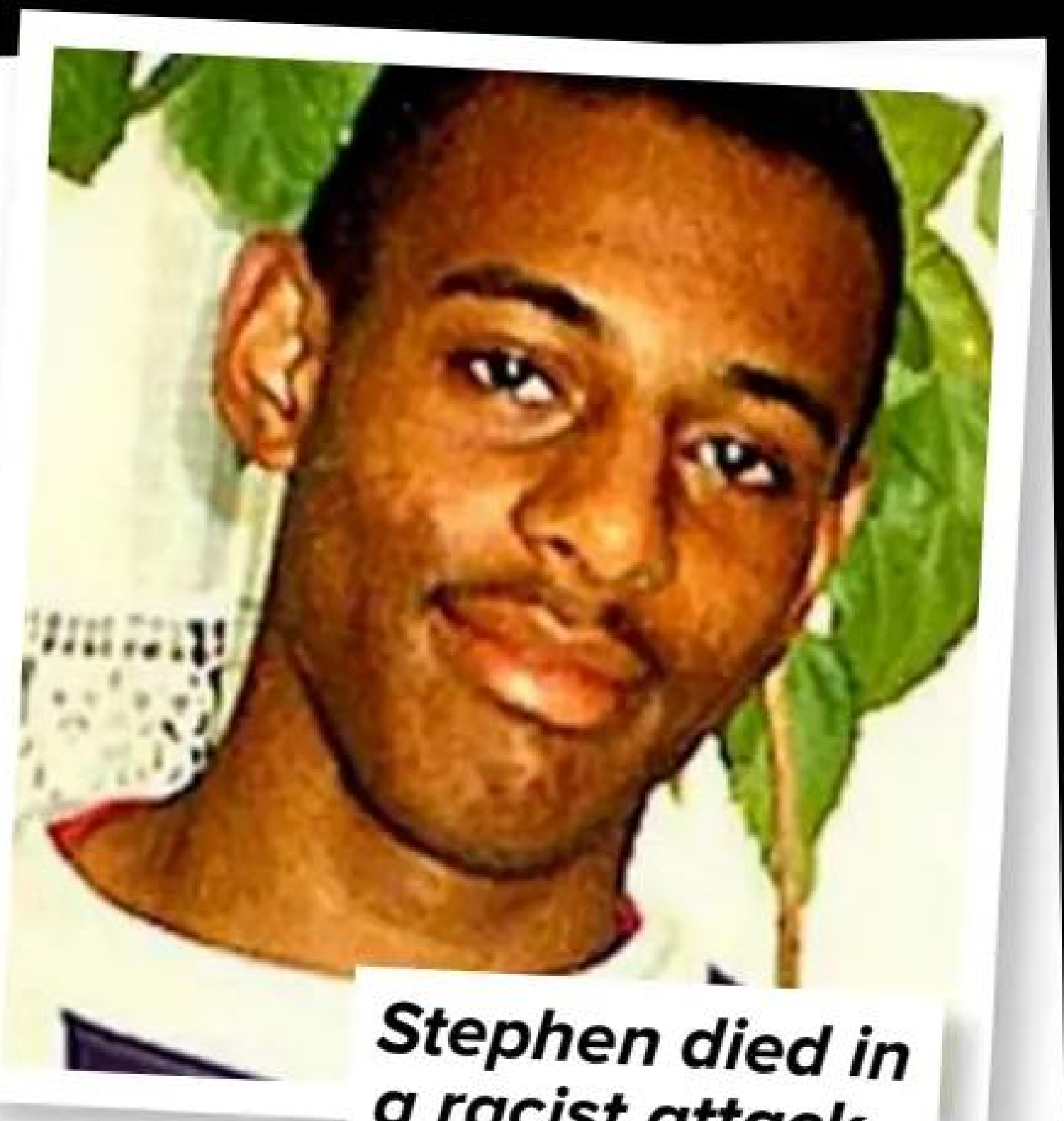
Three men were killed at Cranley Gardens, 12 more were murdered at Nilsen's previous flat in Cricklewood, where he'd burned remains in the garden.

Nilsen was serving a whole-life sentence for the murders when he died in 2018 from a pulmonary embolism.

Nilsen: cut up his victims

The house in Muswell Hill

MURDER OF STEPHEN LAWRENCE



Stephen died in a racist attack

On 22 April 1993, Stephen Lawrence, 18, was killed in Eltham, south London, in a racist attack – David Norris, Gary Dobson and three other suspects were arrested and Norris and Dobson were charged with murder, but the case was dropped due to insufficient evidence.

In 2005, laws preventing suspects being tried twice for the same crime were scrapped. New DNA evidence was found on Dobson's and Norris' clothes and, in 2011, they were re-tried, found guilty of murder and jailed for life.

Jailed: Dobson...

...and Norris

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SOUTH EAS

MURDER OF LIN AND MEGAN RUSSELL

On 9 July 1996, Lin Russell, 45, was walking home from school in Chillenden, Kent, with her two young daughters, Josie, 9, and Megan, 6.

On a country lane, drug addict Michael Stone suddenly attacked, demanding money.

The three victims were tied up, blindfolded, then savagely beaten with a hammer.

Josie was the sole survivor, despite suffering catastrophic head injuries. And, as she recovered, the brave little girl helped officers create an e-fit of the attacker.

A year later, psychopath Stone, 37, was charged.

A cellmate testified Stone confessed while on remand in Canterbury Prison.

Michael Stone was convicted and jailed for life for the murders of Lin and Megan.

Josie and her father Shaun moved to Wales to rebuild their lives.

Stone continues to protest his innocence from prison and has pointed blame at killer Levi Bellfield, who he says resembles the e-fit picture.

Lin and Josie

Stone: claims he's innocent

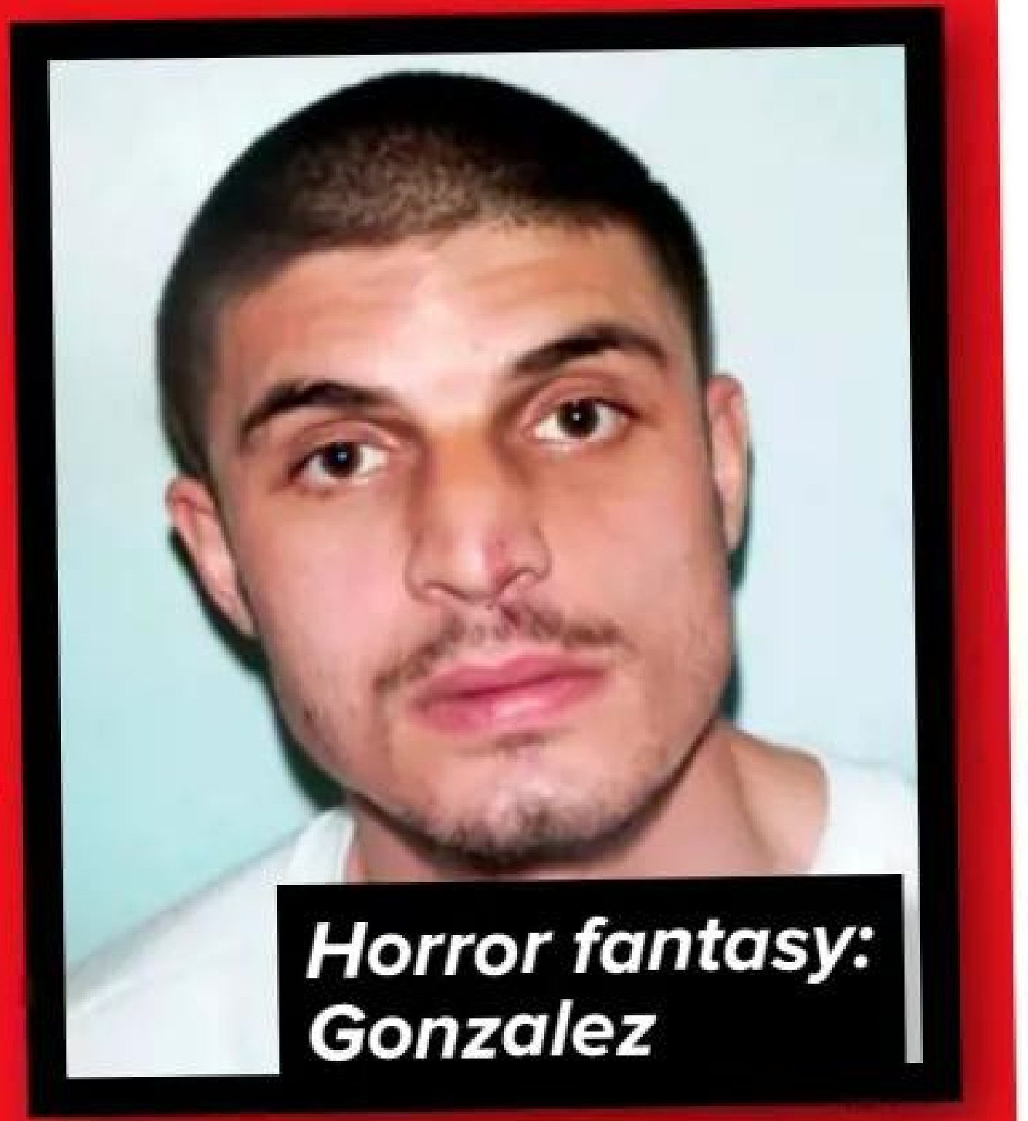
DANIEL GONZALEZ

Daniel Gonzalez, from Woking, had fantasies of being horror-film slasher Freddy Krueger... wanted to be a 'famous serial killer'.

On 15 September 2004, wearing a hockey mask, Gonzalez stabbed Marie Harding, 73, to death on a Worthing footpath. Two days later, he killed Kevin Molloy, 46, in north London, then Derek and Jean Robinson, 75 and 68, in their home. Two other men, aged 61 and 59, survived attacks.

Gonzalez was arrested at a tube station on 17 September after buying a ticket with a bloodstained £20 note.

Daniel Gonzalez, 26, was jailed for life and took his own life in Broadmoor psychiatric hospital in August 2007.


Horror fantasy: Gonzalez

Victims Derek and Jean Robinson

KILLING OF BILLIE-JO JENKINS

Billie-Jo Jenkins, 13, was killed by a blow to her head at her home in Hastings, on 15 February 1997.

Billie-Jo had been placed in foster care with Sion and Lois Jenkins when she was 9, and foster father Sion said he'd got home that day to find Billie-Jo in a pool of blood.

Sion soon became prime suspect – forensics found microscopic spots of blood on his clothes and, in July 1998, he was convicted of murder.

But experts said blood on his clothing could've come from Billie-Jo's airway as she lay dying.

After two appeals, Sion's conviction was quashed. After two re-trials failed to reach a verdict, he was acquitted in 2006. The case is still unsolved.

Billie-Jo was found dead

Stepfather Sion: acquitted

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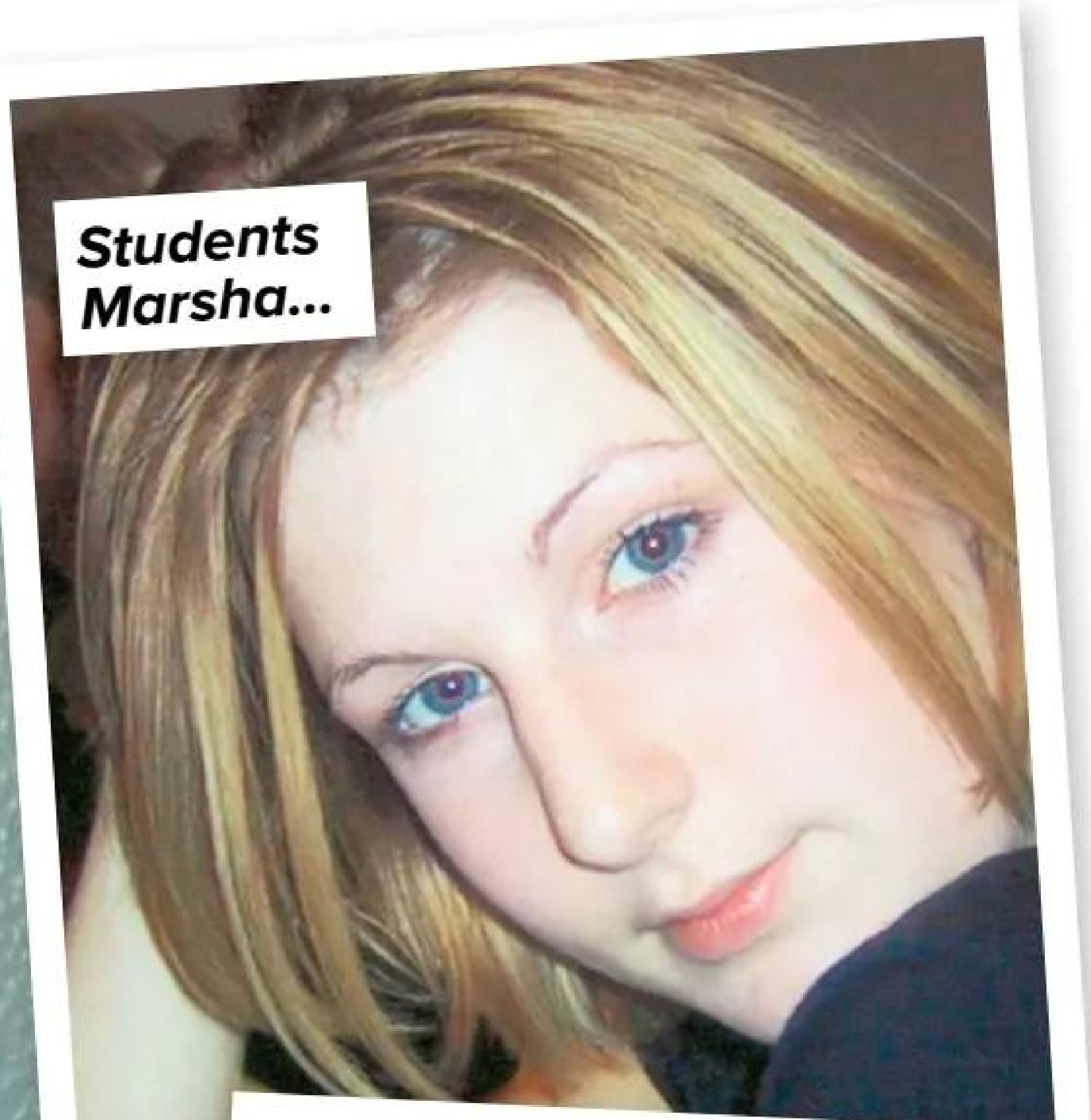
LEVI BELLFIELD

Life-terms: Bellfield



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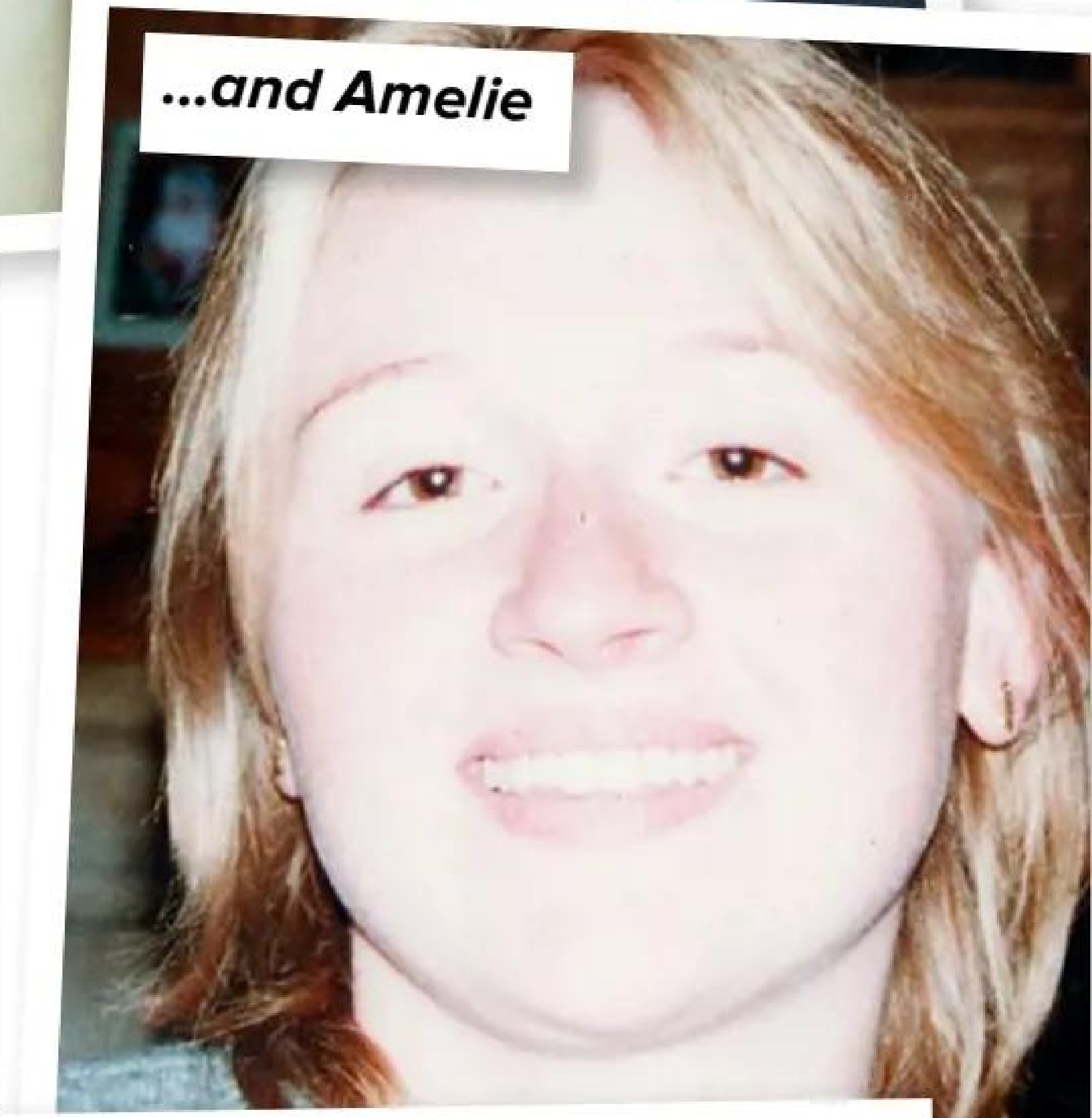


...and Amelie

Levi Bellfield hated all women.

The 6ft 1in, 20st wheel clamper stalked and attacked them after they got off night buses.

In February 2003, Bellfield bludgeoned student Marsha McDonnell, 19, with a hammer in Hampton, southwest London.

In May 2004, he drove into Kate Sheedy, 18, before reversing over her. Amazingly, she survived.

Bellfield beat French student Amelie Delagrange, 22, to death in August 2004 on Twickenham Green. He was arrested when his van was caught on CCTV near the scene.

Bellfield was sentenced to a whole-life term for killing Marsha and Amelie.

Afterwards, police linked Bellfield to the unsolved murder of schoolgirl Milly Dowler, 13, who'd vanished while walking home in Walton-on-Thames in March 2002.

Her remains were found six months later.

Despite being convicted of Milly's murder in 2011 and handed another whole-life term, Bellfield refused to admit his guilt.

But, 14 years on, he admitted abducting, raping and strangling the schoolgirl.

CCTV: Amelie boards the bus

He hated women, stalked and attacked them

Milly was just 13

HUNGERFORD MASSACRE

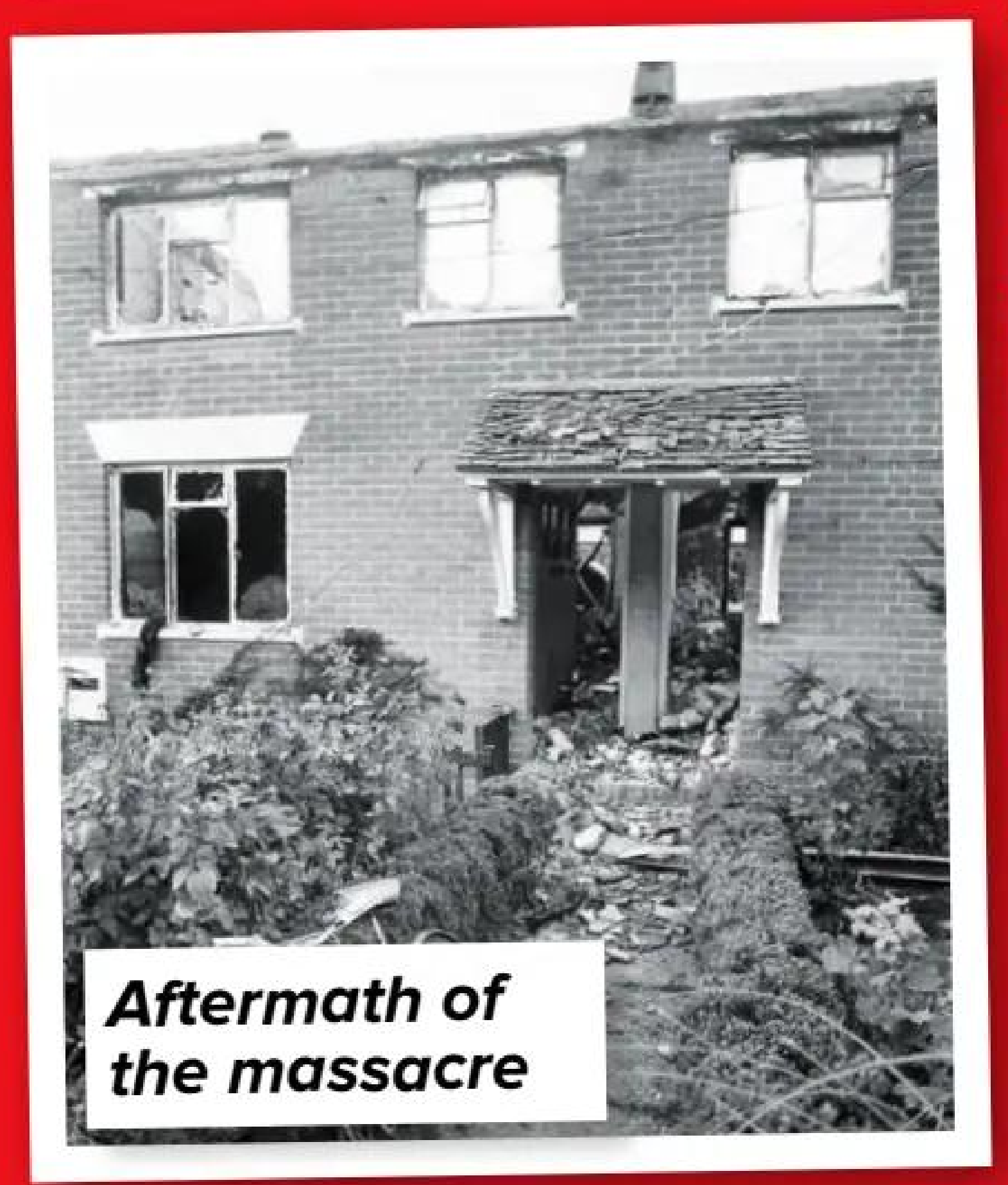
A sunny August afternoon in 1987 in Hungerford, Berkshire – and loner Michael Ryan, 27, armed with two semi-automatic rifles and a pistol, went on a rampage.

Ryan shot dead a mother picnicking with her kids in Savernake Forest and, by 1pm, he was shooting people at random in the town centre.

By the day's end, 16 people were dead, including Ryan's mother and a police officer. A further 15 were injured.

Armed police swarmed the area, and, after evading capture all afternoon, Ryan shot and killed himself.

Ryan: Armed gunman



Aftermath of the massacre

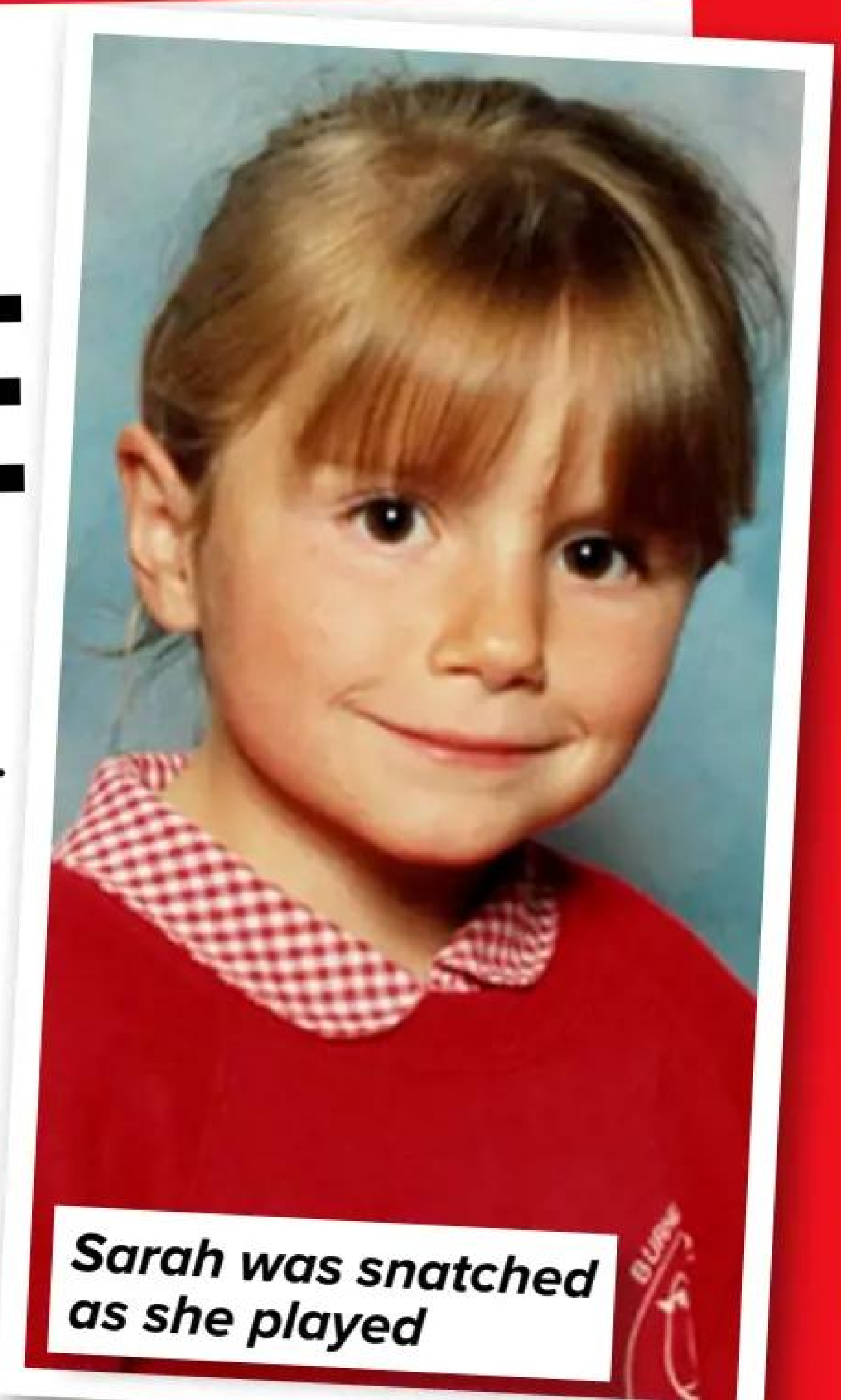
MURDER OF SARAH PAYNE

Sarah Payne, 8, vanished while playing with her siblings near her grandparents' home in Kingston Gorse, West Sussex on 1 July 2000.

A huge police hunt was launched and, on 17 July, Sarah's body was found beside a field, 15 miles from where she'd disappeared. Roy Whiting, a local paedophile and convicted sex offender, was the prime suspect. A strand of hair matching Sarah's DNA was found on a T-shirt in Whiting's white van and fibres from the van were also on Sarah's shoe.

Whiting was jailed for life.

Sarah's mother Sara successfully campaigned for Sarah's Law – which allows anyone to formally ask the police if someone with access to a child has a record for child sexual offences.



Sarah was snatched as she played

WEST COUNT

MURDER OF JOANNA YEATES

Landscape architect Joanna Yeates, 25, disappeared on 17 December 2010, following a night out with colleagues. The last CCTV footage of Joanna showed her in a Tesco Express at around 8:40pm.

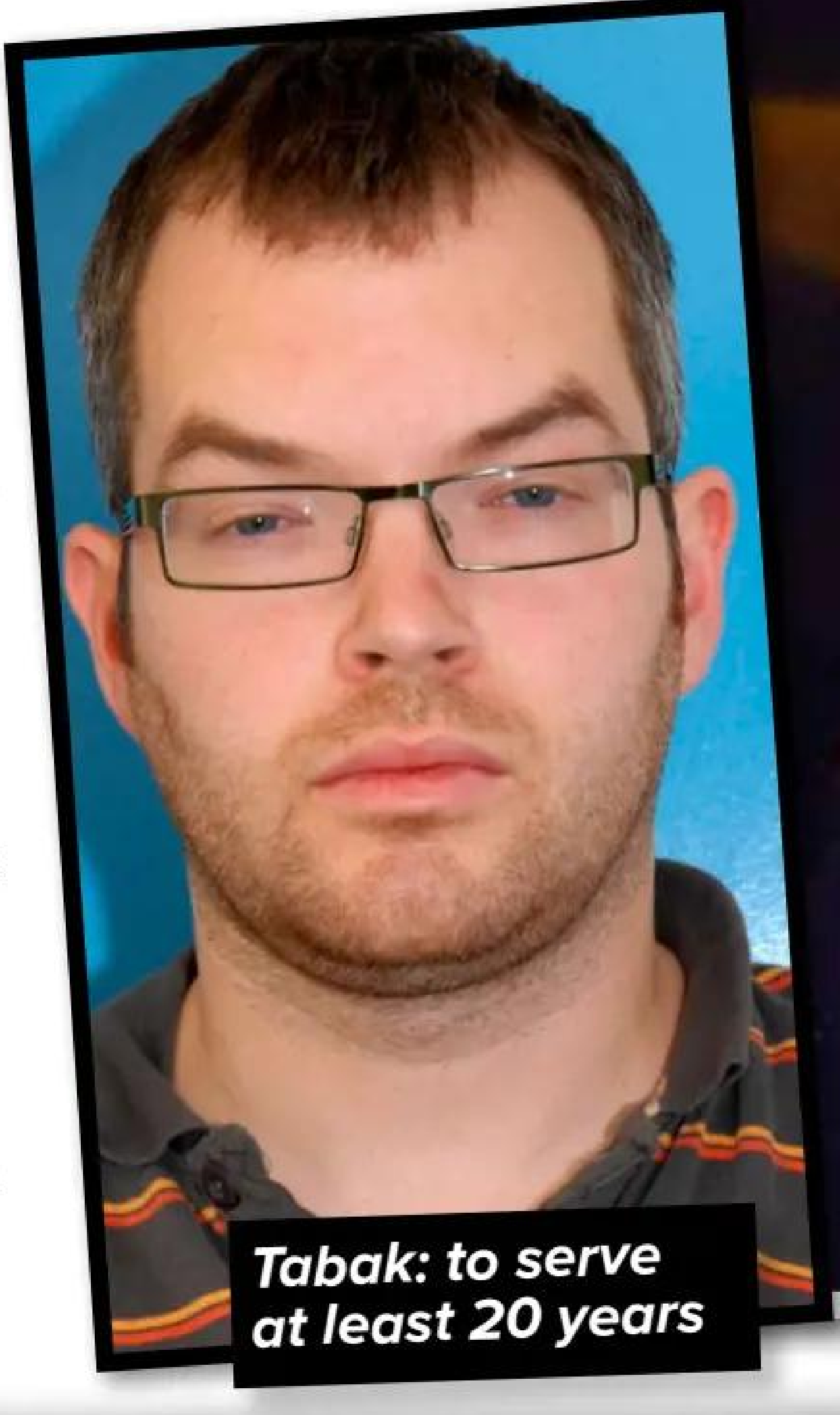
Following a huge manhunt, Joanna's frozen body was eventually discovered on a snowy roadside verge that Christmas morning.

The murder investigation was one of the largest ever undertaken in the Bristol area, dominating the news.

On 20 January her Dutch neighbour Vincent Tabak, 32, was arrested for murder. He was obsessed with violent sex and pornography.

In October 2011, after being found guilty of strangling Joanna, Vincent Tabak was jailed for life, to serve a minimum of 20 years.

Tabak was obsessed with violent sex and porn


Tabak: to serve at least 20 years

Joanna: strangled

THE WESTS

Married couple Fred and Rose West tortured, raped and brutally murdered scores of young women unlucky enough to end up at their Gloucester house.

The victims were dismembered, and many buried in the family home. The Wests' decades of depravity were only uncovered in February 1993, following a tip-off.

Fred West hanged himself in his cell on New Year's Day 1995 while awaiting trial for 12 murders. That November, Rose West was convicted of 10 murders and given a whole-life tariff.

Their infamous Cromwell Street home

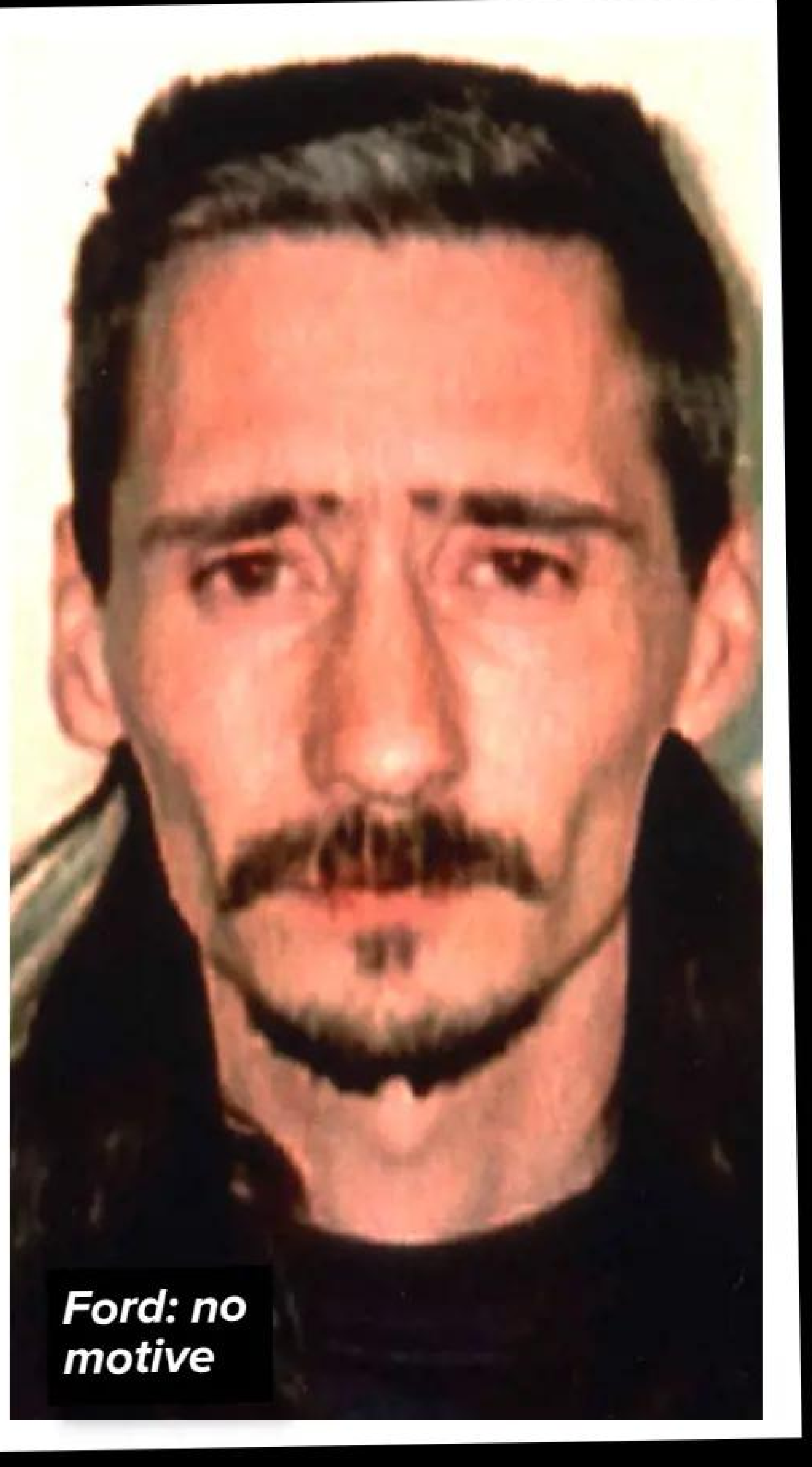
Fred West: hanged himself

Rose West: life sentence

CARNKIE KILLINGS

The killings shocked the Cornish hamlet of Carnkie in 2000. Lee Ford, 33, had told friends his wife Lesley, 36, had left him. Now she and her children – Sarah-Jane, 17, Ann-Marie, 16, Steven, 14, and Craig, 13 – had been found dead after more than a month. Three bodies were found in the shed, two in a field six miles away. All had been garrotted with a rope.

Ford was arrested and pleaded guilty to murder. He gave no motive but the court heard he'd had a sexual relationship with Sarah-Jane. Ford was jailed for life.


Ford: no motive

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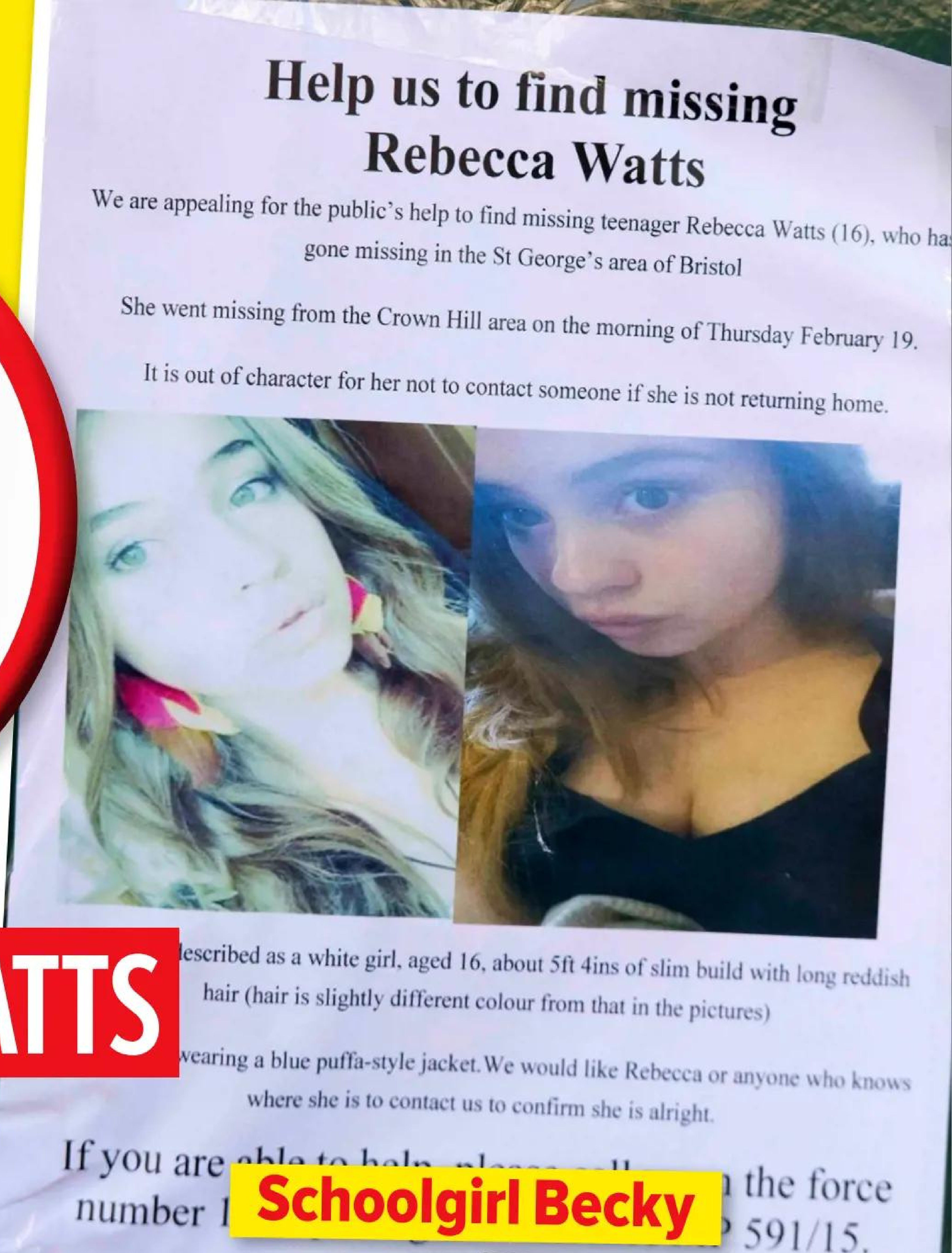

Help us to find missing
Rebecca Watts

We are appealing for the public's help to find missing teenager Rebecca Watts (16), who ha
gone missing in the St George's area of Bristol

She went missing from the Crown Hill area on the morning of Thursday February 19.

It is out of character for her not to contact someone if she is not returning home.

lescribed as a white girl, aged 16, about 5ft 4ins of slim build with long reddish hair (hair is slightly different colour from that in the pictures)

vearing a blue puffa-style jacket. We would like Rebecca or anyone who knows where she is to contact us to confirm she is alright.

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Schoolgirl Becky

MURDER OF BECKY WATTS

In February 2015, schoolgirl Becky Watts, 16, vanished from the Bristol home where she lived with her dad and stepmum.

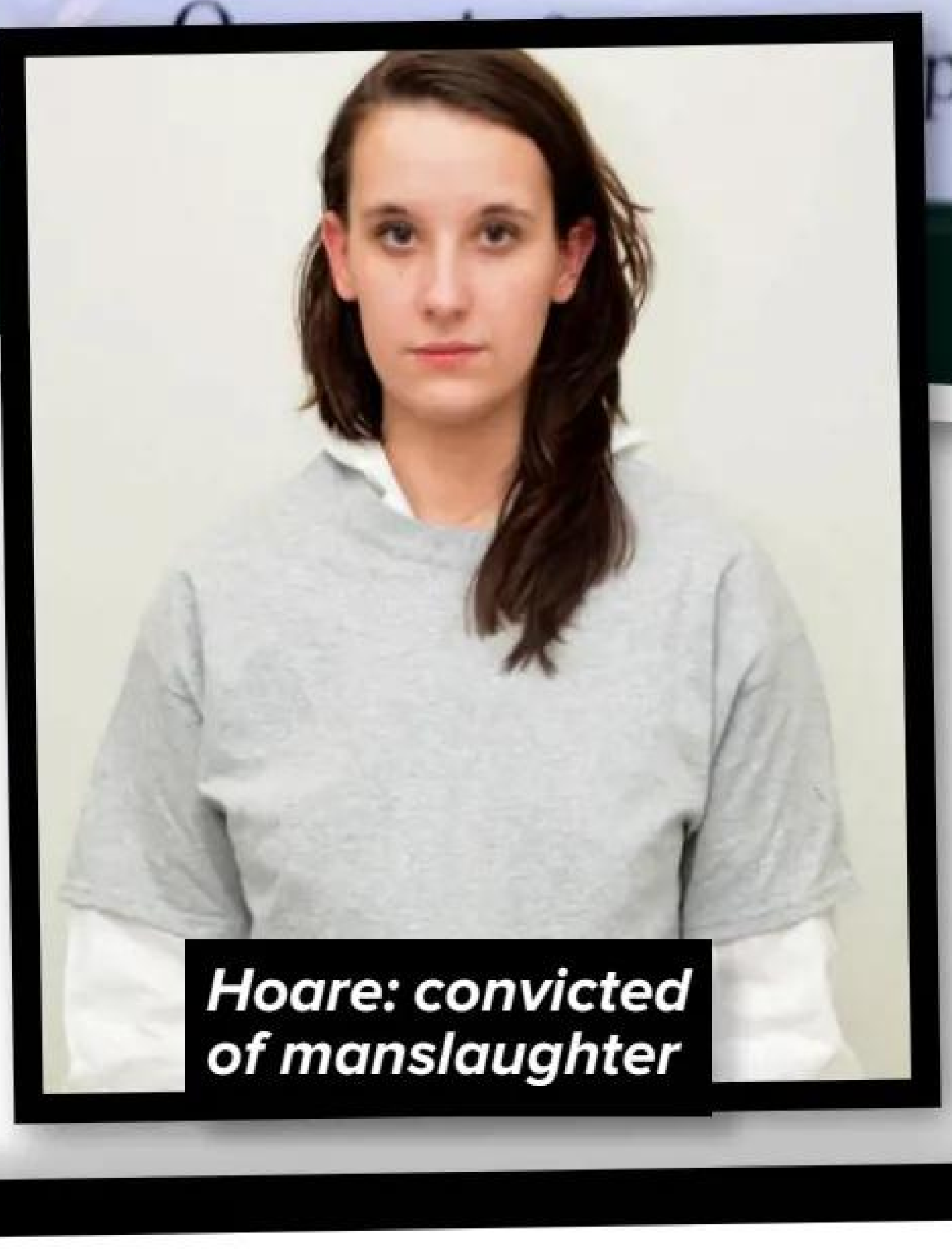
After a huge police search, her stepbrother Nathan Matthews and his girlfriend Shauna Hoare were arrested for murder – to the horror of Becky's family.

During the trial, Nathan claimed he'd killed Becky by accident, trying to scare her. But the court heard Becky was suffocated and stabbed in an alleged sexually-motivated kidnap plot.

The couple put Becky's body in their car boot, driving home hours later. They used a power saw to cut up her body, bagged it and arranged to store it in a shed.

Matthews, 28, was convicted of Becky's murder and sentenced to life, with a minimum term of 33 years. Hoare, 21, got 17 years after being convicted of manslaughter.

Police searching the shed



Hoare: convicted of manslaughter

Matthews: murderer

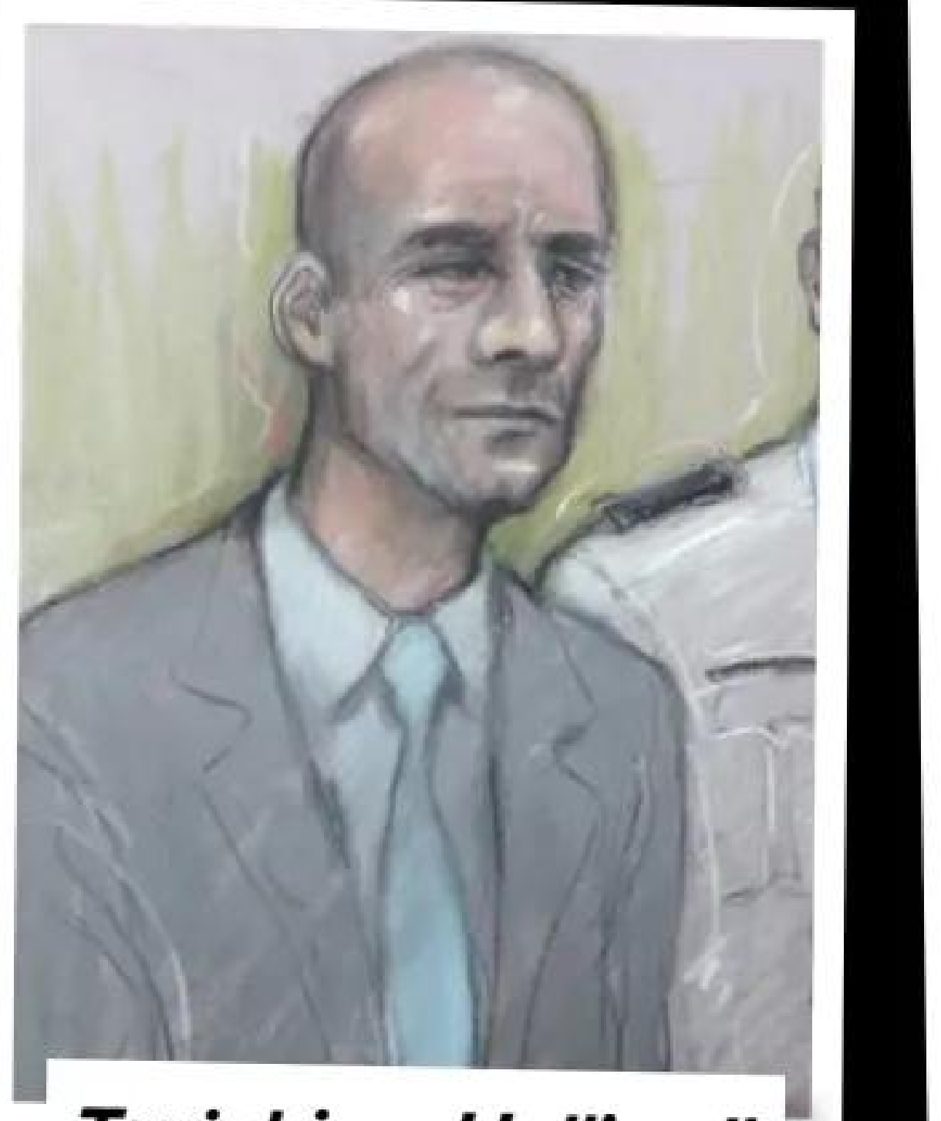
CHRISTOPHER HALLIWELL

When Sian O'Callaghan, 22, went missing after a night out in Swindon, in March 2011, police soon suspected taxi driver Christopher Halliwell. His car was caught on CCTV close to where she was last seen.

After his arrest, Halliwell led police to Sian's semi-naked body dumped on a country road. She'd been stabbed to death.

He then confessed to killing Becky Godden-Edwards, 20, who'd disappeared in January 2003, and led them to her shallow grave nearby.

At Bristol Crown Court, Halliwell pleaded guilty to murdering Sian. And, after a separate trial, he was convicted of murdering Becky and handed a whole-life term.



Taxi driver Halliwell

Police searching Halliwell's home for evidence

EUNICE SPRY

Known as Britain's most evil mother, for over 19 years Eunice Spry abused three foster children, viciously beating, starving them and making them live in a barn.

As a toddler, Spry's adopted daughter was made to eat cat food, and even her own vomit, at their Tewkesbury home.

After Spry moved the family to an isolated farmhouse, a 10-year-old was tied by his feet to Spry's van and dragged at speed across a field. She forced sticks down the children's throats and scrubbed them with sandpaper.

When one found the courage to speak out, Spry was arrested and found guilty of 26 charges, including unlawful wounding and assault occasioning ABH. Initially jailed for 14 years, reduced to 12, Spry was freed after serving half her sentence.

Peaceful Tewkesbury was shaken by Spry's sadistic crimes

TRUE-LIFE: CRIME BUSTERS

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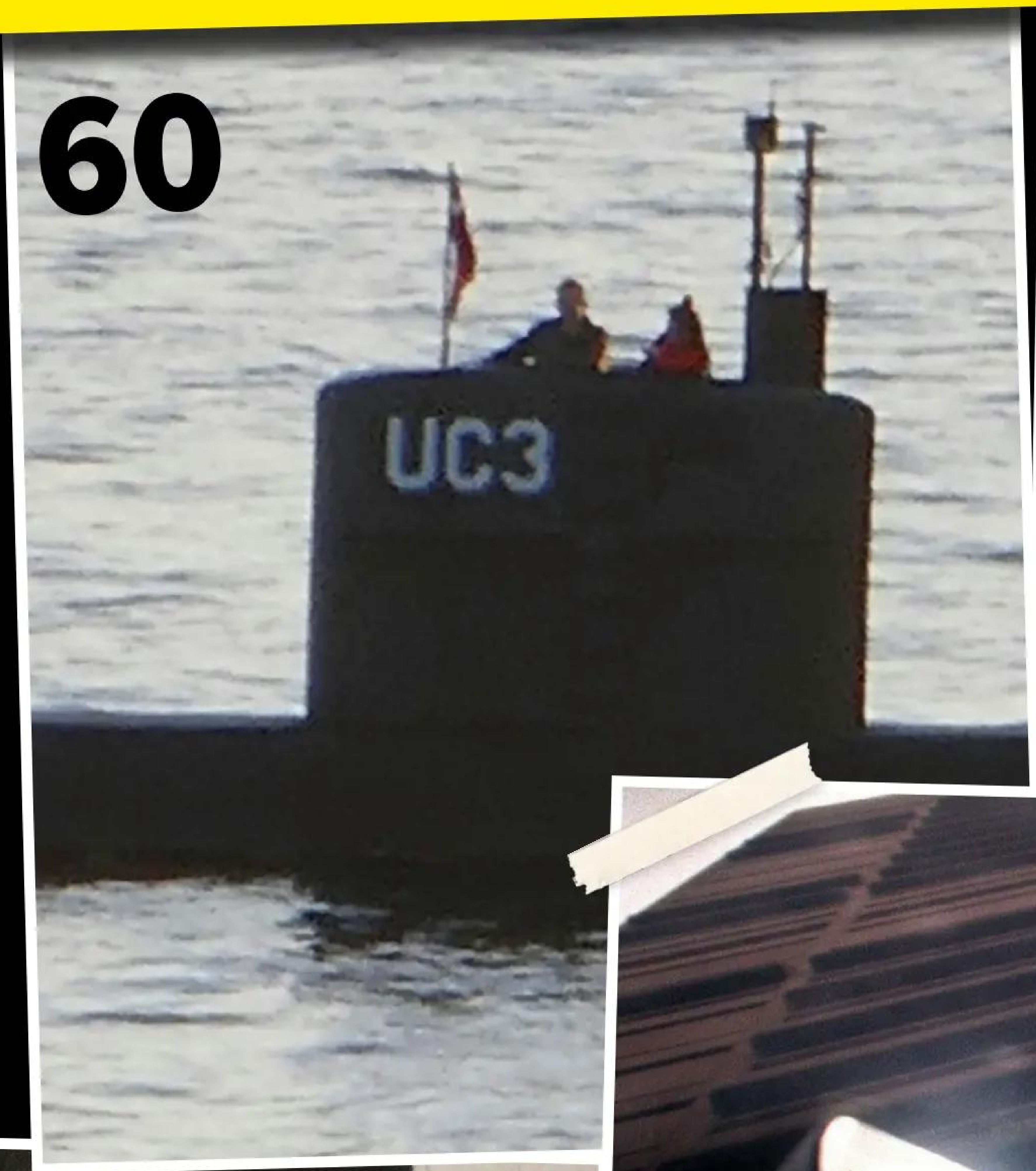

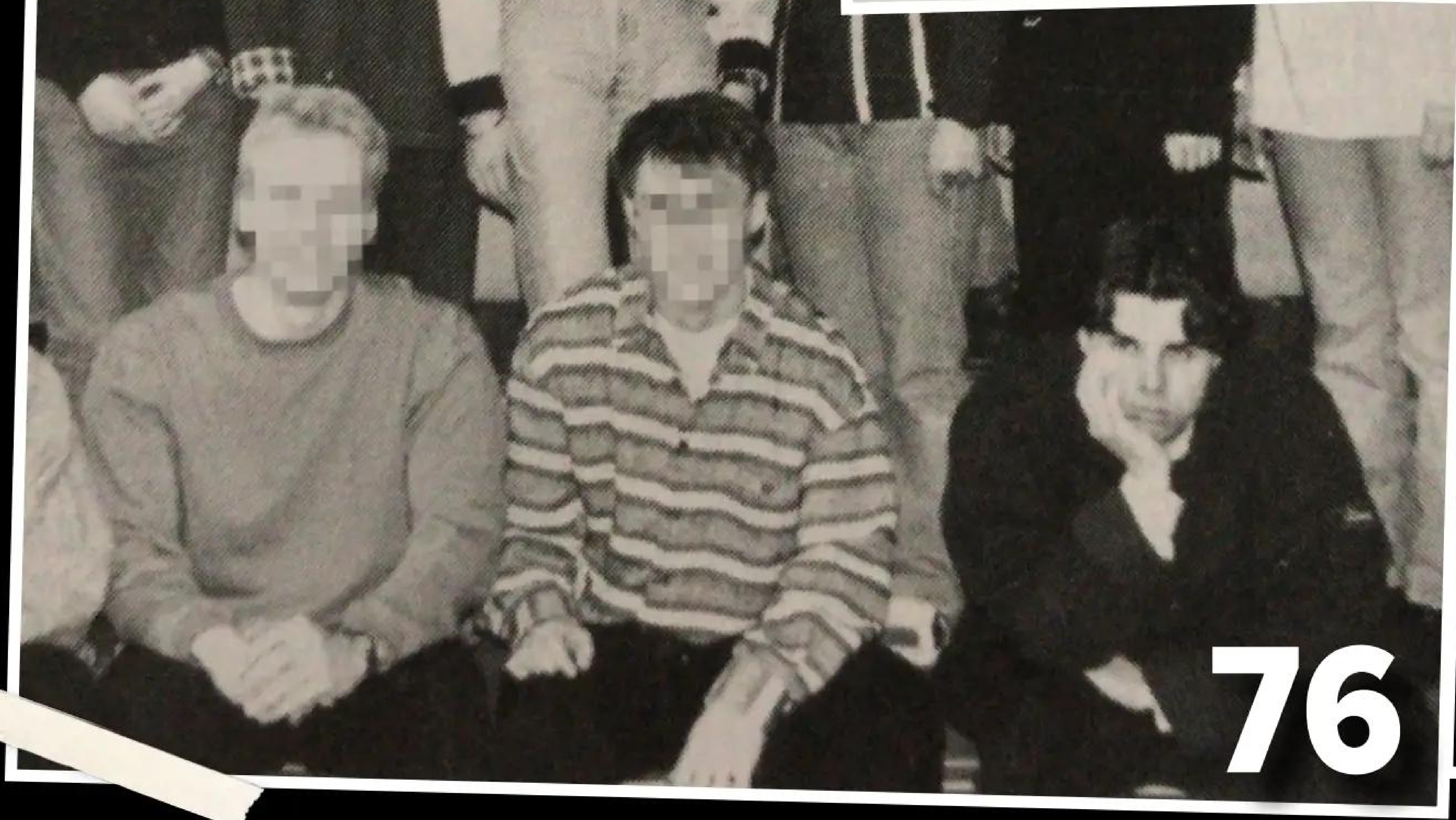

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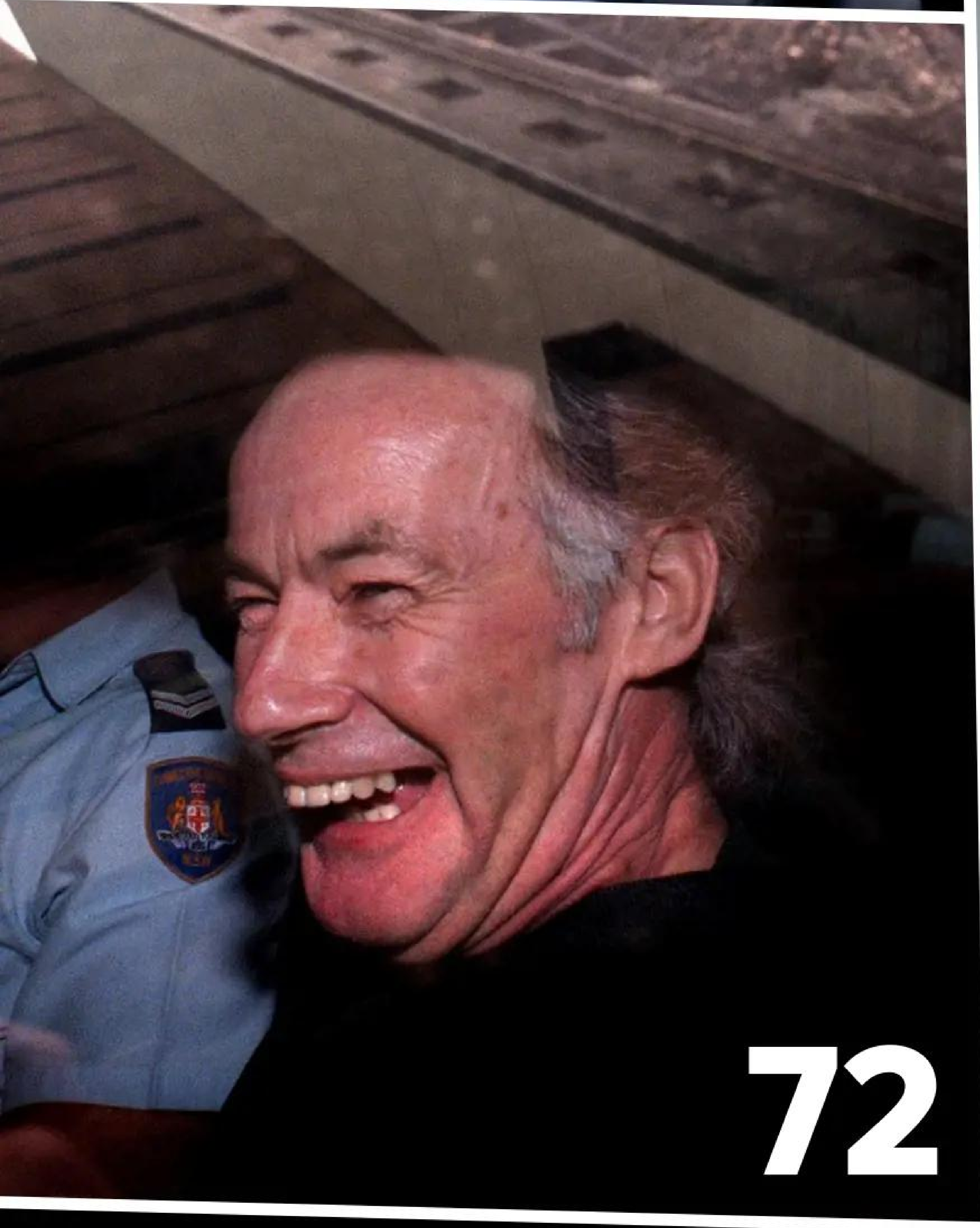
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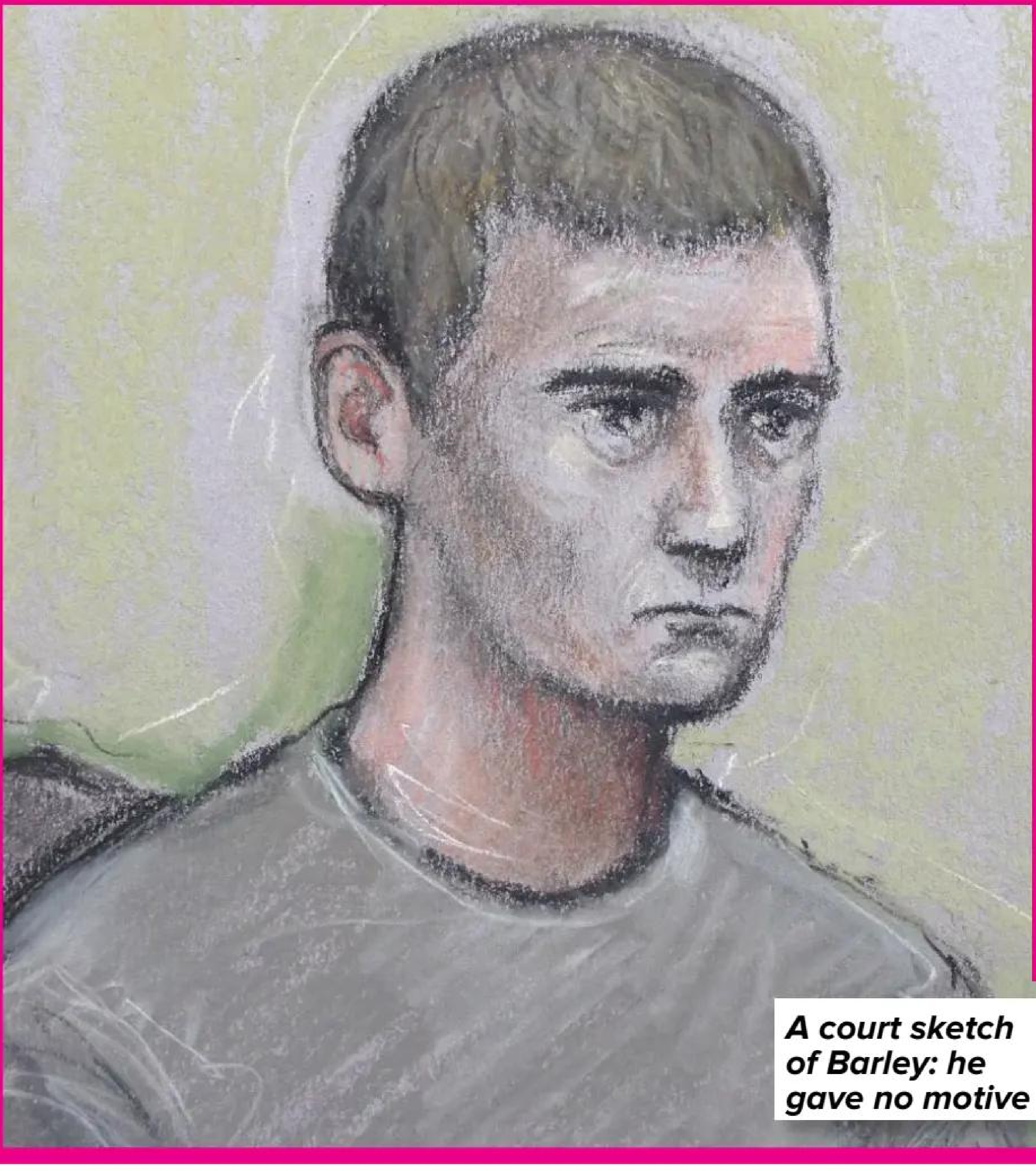

A court sketch of Barley: he gave no motive

She gave him food, shelter, love – yet paid with her life

In March 2016, homeless Aaron Barley, then 23, was trying to sleep. Curled up outside Tesco in Stourbridge, his shelter from the late-winter chill was a cardboard box.

That's when he was spotted by Tracey Wilkinson.

Tracey, 49, was a wife, mum-of-two and Good Samaritan. She went out of her way to help those in need, did endless volunteer work.

Aaron, on the other hand, was born into a tough life.

A product of incest – his mother was his father's niece – he was the victim of a broken home, part of a large, fragmented and tumultuous family.

By 6, he was orphaned. His father died of cancer in 1998, his mother had a fatal heart attack two years later.

Aaron went into care, moving between foster homes and occasionally staying with family.

It's unsurprising that trouble found him. Aged just 12, he'd racked up his first criminal offence. And, by the time Tracey found him sleeping rough, he had a whopping 21 convictions – possession of a firearm, class B drugs, assault, arson…

He'd just been released from jail, following a three-year stint for beating an ex-girlfriend over 50 times with a piece of wood and trying to stab her.

Still, Tracey took pity on him. After all, life hadn't ever really given Aaron a chance.

Aaron soon became part of the extended family

Tracey contacted Dudley Council to help him find a job and accommodation. Then she took him home to meet her family – husband Peter, 49, and children Lydia, 18, and Pierce, 13.

Aaron welcomed her kindness and soon became part of the extended family.

He visited frequently, doing odd jobs in return for cash or food. Peter even gave him work at his business in Newport docks.

But by September 2016, Aaron – who'd been attending a rehab centre – was back on drugs.

When a manager reported Aaron was missing work, Peter had to let him go. Aaron was evicted from his flat, too – and the following month, Peter found him beaten up and asleep on their driveway.

Kind Tracey made sure he ate breakfast and dinner every day, even invited Aaron over for Christmas.

Grateful, Aaron sent the Wilkinsons a Christmas card, calling Tracey, *The mother I never had.*

Seemingly back on track, in February 2017, Aaron got a job as a furniture polisher. Yet, on drugs again, he was soon let go.

He began to post sinister messages on Facebook, threatening to 'take down' his family, wondering how many he could kill before getting caught.

A concerned ex-foster parent spotted the posts, urged Aaron to seek help, and reported the troubling behaviour to the police.

Aaron rejected the advice – he didn't want medication,

CCTV footage captured Barley fleeing in the family car

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The Wilkinson family home

fearing he'd be sectioned.

One evening in March 2017, he went to the Wilkinsons' for a curry – and after, Peter dropped him back where he was staying.

Three weeks later, on 29 March, Aaron returned to the family home where he'd been so welcome.

But this time, he crept into the back garden and, unable to get into the house, hid in the shed and slept there overnight.

The next morning, after Peter woke up and took the dog for a walk at 7am, Aaron Barley sneaked through the back door.

Wielding a knife, he went upstairs, savagely attacked Tracey and Pierce, stabbing them in their beds. Then he waited, attacking Peter as he returned from his walk.

'Die, you b*****d!' Barley screamed, stabbing Peter six times.

'We tried to help you!' Peter cried as he fought back.

Barley fled in the family's Land Rover. Peter called 999, stumbled outside. Within just minutes, helicopters circled the house.

Paramedics found Tracey, dead, in bed –stabbed 17 times. Pierce had been stabbed eight times and was found on his front as he'd tried to crawl from his room. He was rushed to hospital, along with Peter – who had wounds to his face, stomach and back.

A police car chase ensued as Barley weaved through traffic before ploughing into a brick wall. He was arrested.

Lydia, away at uni, heard about a stabbing in Stourbridge. On the news, she saw her home sealed off. Fearing her whole family had been killed, she was driven back by the police.

Sadly, Pierce had died soon after he arrived at hospital, but her father miraculously survived.

Lydia was faced with identifying the bodies of her mother and brother.

Aaron Barley, 24, was charged with two counts of murder and one of attempted murder. In October 2017, at Birmingham Crown Court, he pleaded guilty to the double murder.

He'd already admitted trying to kill Peter – the only regret he'd expressed to the police about the attack was that he'd failed to finish off Peter, too.

Lydia was faced with identifying the bodies

In court, the jury watched eerie CCTV footage of Barley from the family's security camera. They saw him crawling across the garden as he tried to find a way into the house. Then him stealing the car.

Dashcam footage showed him driving at traffic as he tried to escape, then crashing.

Barley was sentenced to 30 years in prison, but in December 2017 the Court of Appeal deemed this 'unduly lenient' and increased it to a minimum of 35 years.

But while Barley remains locked up, Peter and Lydia struggle to understand why he attacked the family. Peter said that, a week before the attack, they'd stopped paying for his mobile – it was the only reason he could think of.

Yet nothing can justify such evil actions against a family who'd shown Barley nothing but kindness.

7 CLUES TO

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It would take deep-sea d
weeks to uncover the ev
put a woman's killer be

On 10 August 2017, well-known Swedish freelance journalist Kim Wall, 30, boarded a submarine to interview its owner, Danish inventor Peter Madsen, then 46.

Later that night, Madsen alone was rescued from the sinking vessel – but horrifically, parts of Kim's body were later found washed up on the shore.

Madsen was sentenced to life, after being found guilty of Kim's premeditated murder plus aggravated sexual assault and desecrating a corpse.

But how did the police nail him?

Madsen claimed the sub sank in an accident

1 THE SUBMARINE

At the centre of the investigation was Madsen's self-built Nautilus submarine. Two days after Kim's disappearance, Madsen claimed it'd sunk as he was pulled to safety by four fisherman. Kim was nowhere to be seen.

Later, the police retrieved the vessel and took it ashore to comb for evidence. They would later say, 'the sinking of the submarine was allegedly a consequence of a deliberate act'.

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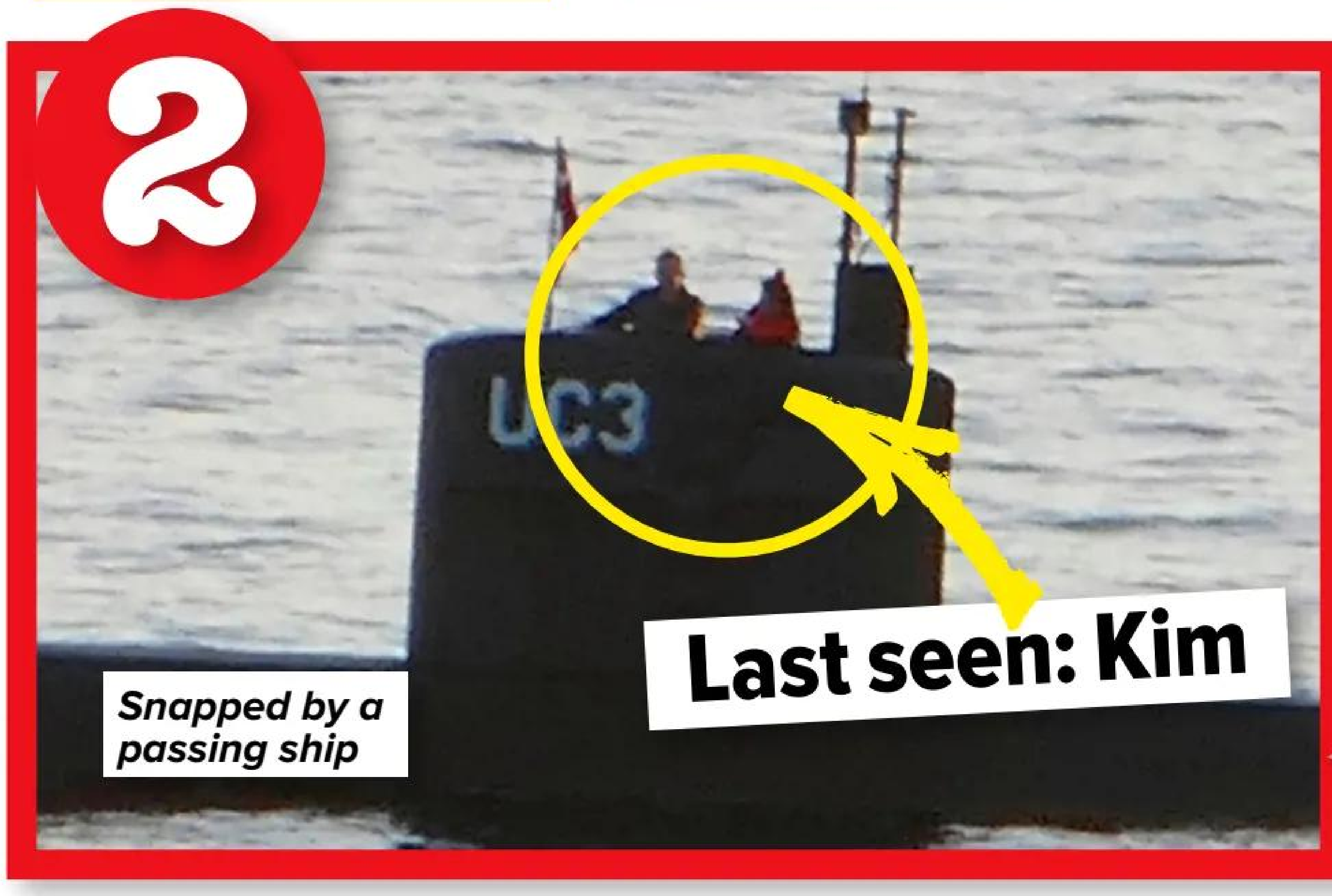


Last seen: Kim

Snapped by a passing ship

A FINAL PHOTO

Kim, who'd worked for *Time* magazine, *The Guardian* and *The New York Times*, had been chasing an interview with Madsen for months after he'd become a minor celebrity for building three submarines. It was her last job before she planned to move to Beijing with her partner.

Kim was seen happily boarding the vessel at 7pm on 10 August 2017. A final photo of her was taken by a passing ship around 90 minutes after she'd boarded. She was smiling, looked relaxed.

3 BODY PARTS

More than 10 days after Kim vanished, a mutilated torso was found on the shore by a cyclist. A DNA test confirmed it was Kim's body. But it wasn't until 6 October that her head and legs were found by police divers.

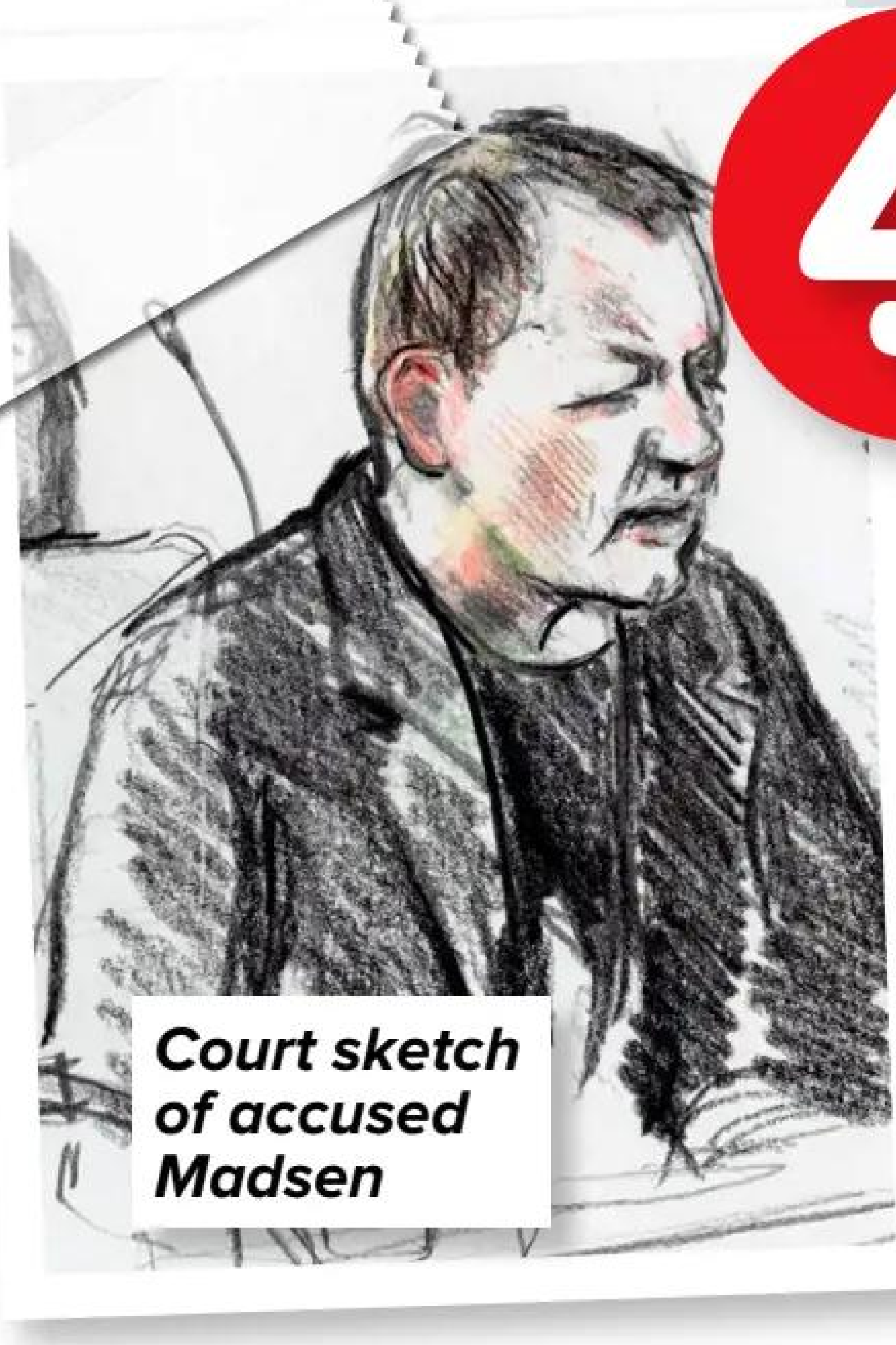
It was then that Madsen faced charges of indecent handling of a corpse. It took another two months before Kim's arms were found. Tests revealed several of her wounds were unrelated to the body-part amputations, some inflicted prior or shortly after death.

Police are called to the shore...

4 PSYCHIATRIC REPORT

Madsen's mental health was scrutinised during the investigation and court case.

A report presented to the trial concluded he was, 'dangerous, had psychopathic traits, appears unfeeling and untrustworthy, suffers from lack of empathy and is highly sexually deviant'. Madsen expressed no remorse or guilt in relation to Kim's murder, and was 'strikingly lightly affected by the events'.



Court sketch of accused Madsen

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Madsen said Kim died accidentally…

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CONTRADICTING STORIES

Madsen changed his story about what happened to Kim a number of times throughout the investigation. When he first came to shore, he said he dropped off Kim at a nearby restaurant the night before. When Kim's body was found, Madsen claimed she'd died accidentally when she was hit by a 70kg hatch on the submarine. But he withdrew that statement when Kim's head was found with no skull fractures. Next, he said she'd died from carbon-monoxide poisoning while he was on the deck. However, medical examinations found no trace of such poisoning in Kim's body.

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COMPELLING EVIDENCE

The prosecution claimed Madsen's attack was completely premeditated with an intricate plan to stab and kill Kim, then mutilate her body before disposing of it.

A day before the killing, Madsen had brought a 50cm screwdriver, hose, saw and metal piping onto the vessel for the first time ever. However, Madsen claimed that the hose was for cleaning, the saw was for creating wooden shelves and the other items were for fishing.

Madsen's computer was also recovered from the sub. During the court case, prosecutor Jakob Buch-Jepsen presented more than 100 videos, cartoons and written texts which depicted the murder, torture and impaling of women. Madsen denied being sadistically sexually aroused by the videos and said it was simply 'fascination'.

The recovered submarine is held by the police

Buch-Jepsen speaks to the Press after the verdict

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SEXUAL MOTIVE

Prosecutor Jakob Buch-Jepsen continually argued there was a sexual motive behind Madsen's moves. In the weeks leading up to Kim's death, Madsen had asked a number of other women if they'd like to join him on the submarine that week.

They'd turned him down. One witness during the trial was a woman who'd been invited onto the vessel just two days before Kim boarded. She'd met Madsen with another friend the year before – but, when he asked to meet her alone, she thought it odd and declined the invitation.

If only poor Kim Wall had done the same…

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She was on her way to celebrate with friends, but evil was lying in wait...

Words: Bess Browning. photos: GETTY / PA/ ALAMY

Festive cheer was in the air as Iuliana Tudos, 22, clocked off her shift at the World's End pub in north London on Christmas Eve 2017.

It was 8pm, and Iuliana was excited to start her own celebrations later that night.

It was her fifth Christmas in the capital after moving from Cyprus, where her parents lived, in 2013.

Studying towards a Computer Science degree at the Open University, she also did shifts at Camden's World's End, where she was a popular barmaid, described as 'caring' and 'loving'.

Heading for the bus stop, Iuliana planned to pick up some belongings from her home in Haringey.

Then, she'd be travelling five miles to a friend's home in Enfield before spending Christmas Day there.

Only, she never made it that far.

The last time she was seen in person was leaving the pub.

When she failed to arrive at her friend's house, they grew worried.

> **The last time she was seen was leaving the pub**

Calling the pub, Iuliana's colleagues confirmed she'd left hours earlier.

Calls to hospitals and other friends, and posts to social media were all fruitless.

Iuliana was missing.

With no family living in the UK, it was down to her friends to contact the police.

A search was launched.

CCTV picked up Iuliana's movements near Finsbury Park around 8.20pm on Christmas Eve.

But what happened after that?

Two days later, on 27 December, a member of the public made a grisly discovery.

Iuliana's naked corpse in a disused, ramshackle building in a corner of the park.

Just a few hundred metres from the student's home.

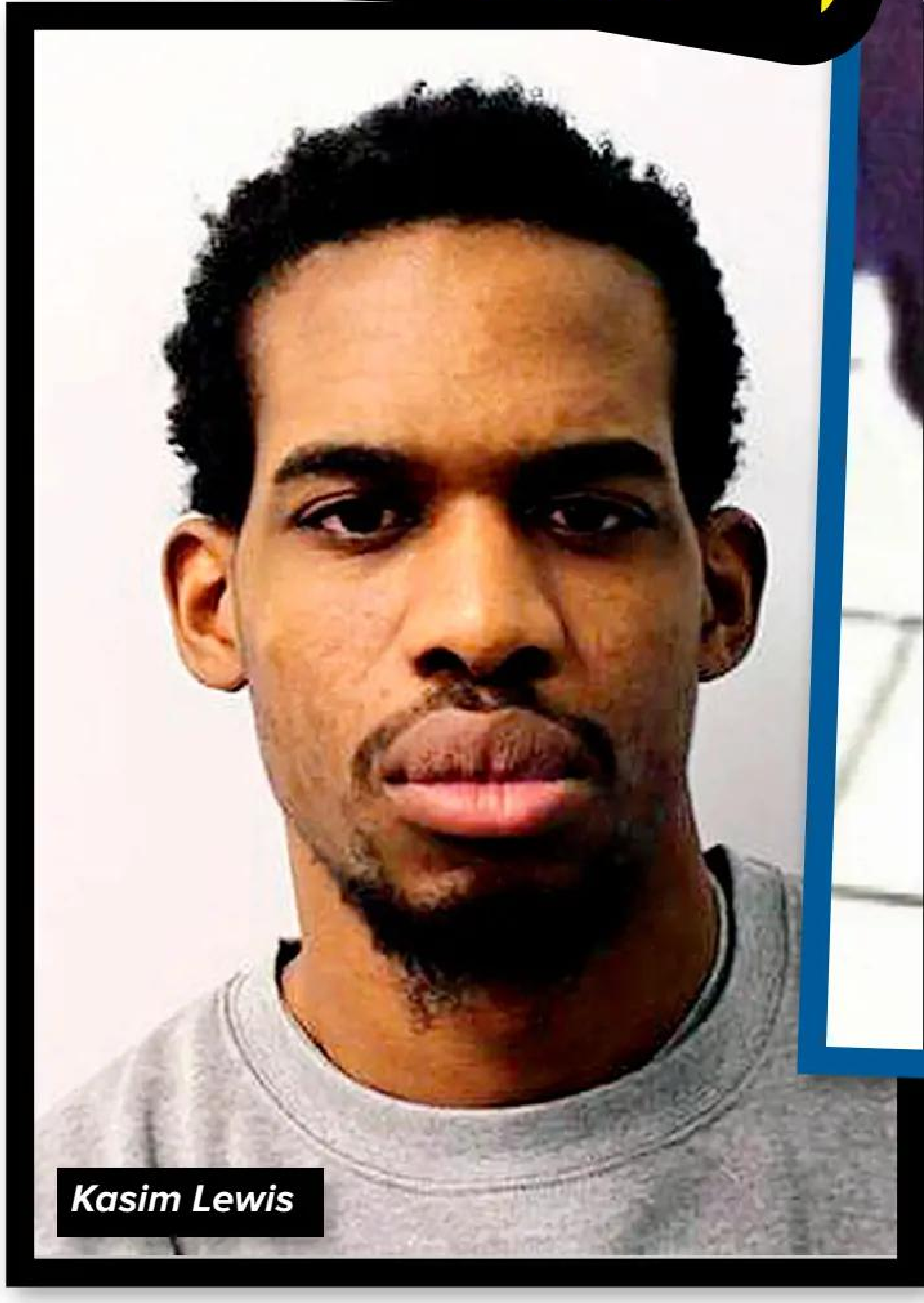
A post-mortem concluded she'd died from a stab wound to the abdomen and a head injury on Christmas Eve.

But who would kill such an innocent young woman?

Police launched an investigation.

A crime scene was erected at Finsbury Park.

Officers appealed for information, calling for anyone who saw anything suspicious to come forward.



Kasim Lewis

At the time of her disappearance, Iuliana had been wearing a black and red hooded top, with light jeans and black and white Vans shoes.

A jigsaw of evidence was slowly pieced together...

White cable ties had been left close to Iuliana's body, some of which appeared to have been used on Iuliana.

Analysis of her phone's data showed it was taken back to an area in north London.

Then, officers discovered the ultimate evidence.

Iuliana's bank card had been used at a cash machine near Manor House tube station.

A 31-year-old man from

The crime scene in London's Finsbury Park

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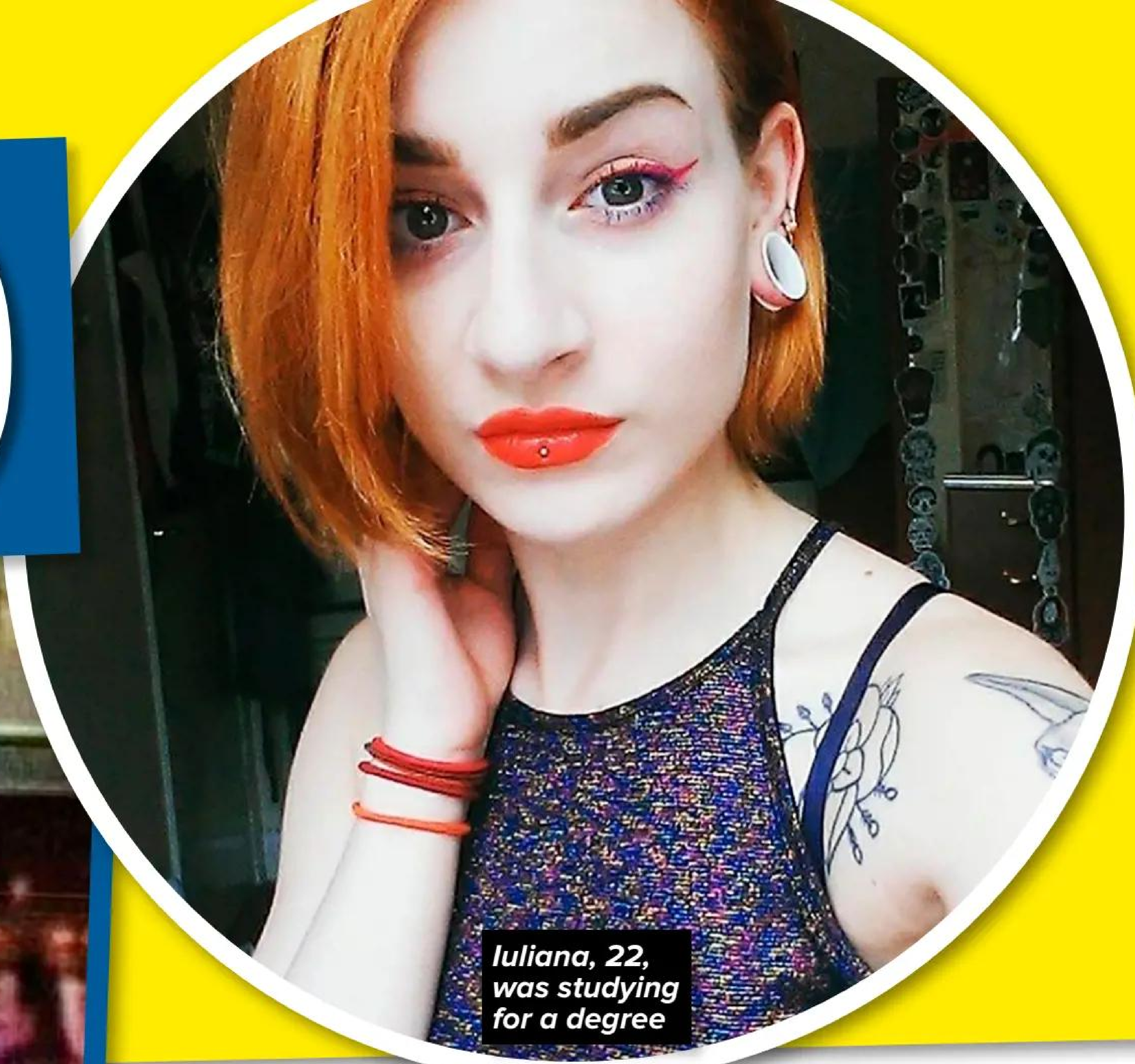
CCTV showed Lewis using Iuliana's bank card


Iuliana, 22, was studying for a degree

north London was captured on CCTV attempting to withdraw £100 from her bank account.

He used her PIN.

When he could only take out £30, he entered a shop and bought a bottle of brandy.

The clear footage led officers to the home of Kasim Lewis.

And when police searched his house on New Year's Day, they found the evidence they needed to arrest him.

Cable ties, the same as the ones found near Iuliana's body.

Muddy jeans.

Blood matching Iuliana's DNA.

Lewis had been caught red-handed.

The case was brought to the Old Bailey this May, where Kasim Lewis pleaded guilty to murder.

Abhorrent details about Iuliana's final moments came to light.

Prosecutor Crispin Aylett QC told the Old Bailey that Iuliana was struck over the head, most likely with a bottle, she was also stabbed with a broken bottle in the neck, abdomen and wrists.

'Although there is no evidence that Iuliana was actually sexually assaulted, the prosecution allege that this was a sexually motivated and sadistic attack,' Aylett told the court.

A logo, which was either the letter M or the Batman symbol, had been cut into Iuliana's chest.

Lewis had been intoxicated with cocaine, cannabis and alcohol during the attack.

And in the days after the murder, he'd played innocent, texting a friend to ask if he had 'seen the news' about the barmaid.

When police arrested Lewis at his on-off partner's house, his first words were, 'I did it.'

A search of his phone had revealed a trailer for a pornographic film featuring a young woman being chased into an alleyway and then bound with cable ties.

In a statement read to the court, Iuliana's stepfather Costas Vassiliou said his daughter was murdered in the most 'inhumane way'.

He described her as 'full of energy' and 'loved and cherished by all of her friends and family'.

Mr Vassiliou added, 'As parents, our dream was for Iuliana to get back to Cyprus after her graduation, get a job, get married and have children, our grandchildren. All of these now are gone. As a family, we will never get through this.'

Shockingly, this wasn't the first time Lewis, born in Montserrat in the Caribbean, had committed a dreadful crime.

He'd been jailed for a sex attack more than a decade ago.

Lewis, who is HIV-positive, had been sentenced to two years for sexual assault and exposure on a bus.

He'd been placed on the sex offenders register in 2005.

Then, in 2011, he was jailed for a further eight months for failing to comply with notification requirements and a community order.

As Judge Richard Marks read out the sentencing, he made sure Lewis wouldn't be free to commit another crime for a very long time.

He said he understood there was no evidence to suggest Iuliana had been sexually assaulted. But said the fact Lewis had cable ties with him, suggested there was 'sadism' involved, and that the attack was premeditated.

Lewis was jailed for life, with a minimum of 29 years.

After sentencing, the judge told the court, 'This is a killing that demonstrated the most appalling brutality – it was horrendous and barbaric.

'This slightly-built young woman was alone in a parkat night and was, as such, vulnerable in the extreme. She must have died a terrible death. What you did to her was wicked beyond belief.'

Over a year later, it came to light that just six weeks before Iuliana's murder, Lewis had slaughtered Catherine Burke, a 55-year-old retired civil servant, in her own home.

For this, Lewis was sentenced to 40 years, to run concurrently to his sentence for the murder of Iuliana.

Floral tributes

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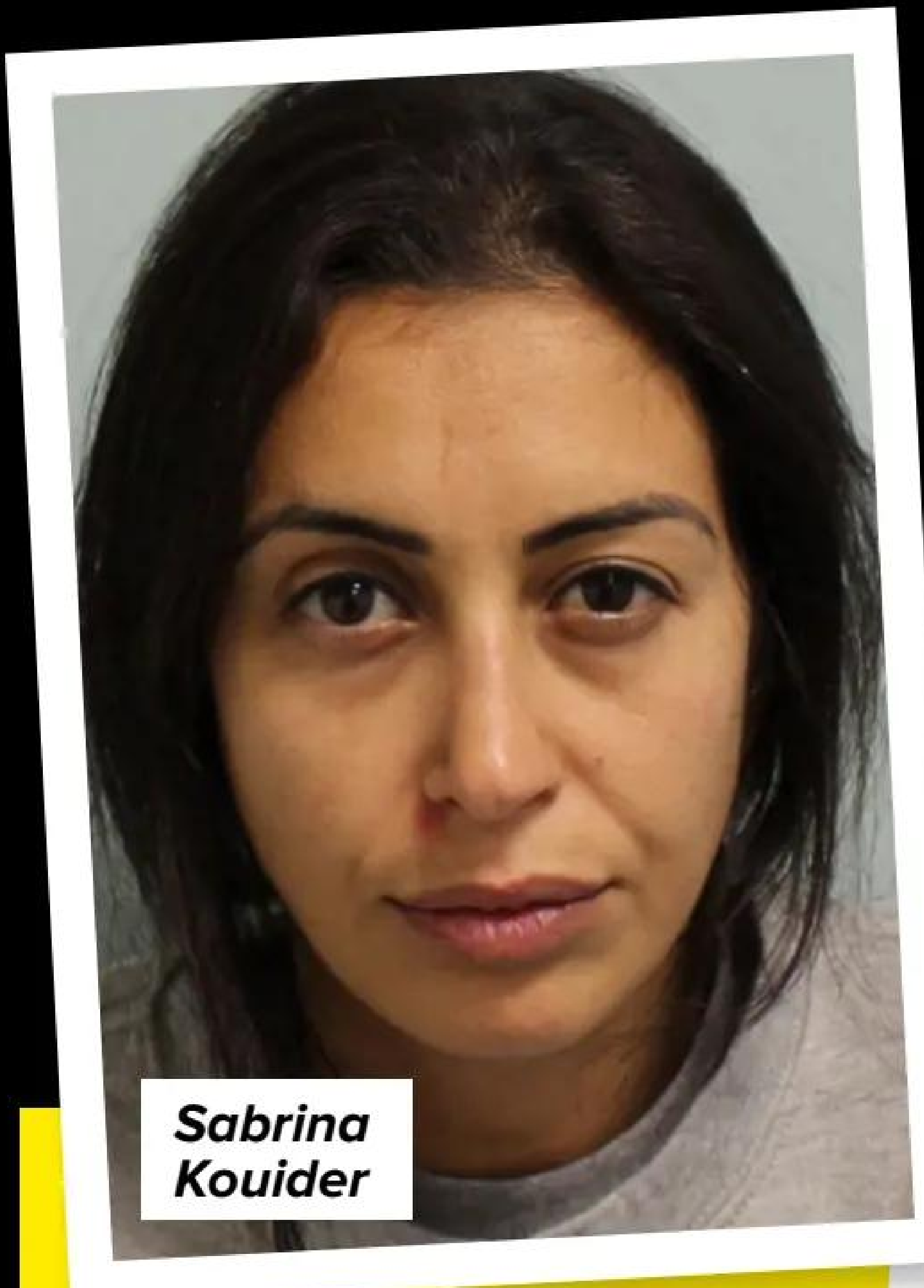

Sabrina Kouider

Ouissem Medouni

In September 2017, the charred remains of nanny Sophie Lionnet were found in a bonfire in Wimbledon, south London. Her killers Sabrina Kouider and Ouissem Medouni blamed each other, but in 2018 were both found guilty of Sophie's murder. They were sentenced to life, to serve a minimum of 30 years. Here's how they were caught...

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Kouider was fixated on her famous ex

Boyband obsession

Sabrina Kouider, then 34, was a stylist. She moved to the UK from Paris in 2011, and had a relationship with music mogul and founder member of 1990s boyband Boyzone, Mark Walton. The relationship ended, with Mark describing it as 'probably the most turbulent' he'd ever had.

After the split, Kouider rekindled a romance with Ouissem Medouni, then 39, but became obsessed with Mark. In fact, the couple both did. Police records show Kouider reported Mark over 30 times for bizarre reasons, such as sexually abusing her cat, even though she didn't have one.

Now living in the US, Mark Walton responded to the ludicrous claims with 'integrity and honesty'.

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The barbecue

In September 2017, the couple waterboarded nanny Sophie – a technique where a victim's head is held underwater so they feel as if they might drown, so she'd confess to being in league with Mark Walton. Tragically, Sophie died.

They put Sophie's remains on a bonfire in the garden and, to hide the smell of burning human flesh, lit a barbecue and cooked chicken. Neighbours reported a foul smell and, when the fire service came, they saw human remains in the bonfire. Kouider claimed they were parts of a sheep.

The BBQ in the garden

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Kouider shopping

On CCTV

Unrepentant, Sabrina Kouider and Ouissem Medouni went out shopping the same day that they brutally killed Sophie – and footage of them was caught on CCTV.

When the case came to court, it was also revealed that the couple had sex just metres from Sophie's body as she lay dead on a nearby bed.

Once they were caught and charged, Kouider and Medouni admitted burning Sophie's body, but both denied her murder.

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The victim

In 2016, Kouider hired shy French nanny Sophie Lionnet, 21, to help with her children. But, soon, Kouider created a fantasy in which Sophie was colluding with Kouider's ex, Mark Walton, saying the pair were in a sexual relationship. Kouider convinced her partner Medouni it was true – a delusion later referred to as the psychosis *folie a deux,* 'madness of two'. Soon after, the couple began torturing, starving and interrogating Sophie about her non-existent relationship with Walton. In August 2017, Kouider even took Sophie to a London police station to force her to confess to plotting with Mark to shoot the family. But, in a private conversation with the police, Sophie said none of Kouider's story was true.

The video

A heartbreaking video, made by Kouider and Medouni shortly before Sophie was killed, showed the young woman looking terrified and emaciated.

In the days before her death, the nanny had been beaten so badly that five of her ribs were fractured and her jaw was broken. For the last 12 days of her life, Sophie wasn't allowed to leave the apartment that was supposed to be her home.

Starved and scared, Sophie before she died

Is this where Sophie died?

The bathroom

A pathologist was unable to confirm the cause of Sophie's death because her remains were so badly burned, but listed a blow to the head, strangulation or drowning as possibilities.

The prosecution alleged that Sophie died in the bath, following hours of horrific water torture at the hands of Kouider and Medouni.

Forensic evidence

When the police Forensic teams investigated the scene of the crime, they uncovered the charred remains of Sophie's spectacles – a key piece of evidence.

Sophie's suitcase was also discovered hidden in the couple's garden shed. At the trial, the court was told that it was Kouider who was the driving force of the abuse of Sophie and that she had used her naive nanny as a soft target in her twisted bid to torment her innocent ex-boyfriend Mark Walton.

Hidden in the shed – Sophie's suitcase

THUMBS UP MON

Passengers battled to save the newborn baby – but all wasn't as it seemed...

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Boarding the bus, new mum Rosalin Baker, 25, carried her precious bundle close to her chest.

Imani, 16 weeks old, was snoozing peacefully, strapped into her baby harness.

Just then, Rosalin turned around and waved at her boyfriend, Jeffrey Wiltshire, 52.

The former rapper, known as Pepper Head, gave a thumbs-up as the bus pulled away.

Little Imani, her face covered by a thin cloth, didn't stir as her mum took a seat on the 25 bus in Stratford, east London on 28 September 2016.

Texting on her phone, Rosalin sat enjoying the peace.

But 20 minutes in, she realised something was wrong.

Her baby wasn't breathing.

Within seconds, panic ensued.

A distraught passenger tried CPR and someone dialled 999.

Paramedics rushed to the scene to find the baby lifeless, her skin cold and dark shadows blooming under her tiny eyes.

She had a tell-tale swelling on the right side of her head.

Imani was rushed to Newham University Hospital, where medics battled to save her.

Rosalin hovered nearby, making phone calls.

The 40 minutes that followed must have felt like an eternity, but she didn't ask for updates.

Tragically, the baby was pronounced dead.

Doctors began asking questions. Rosalin insisted Imani had been fine when they'd boarded the bus.

Paramedics rushed to the scene to find Imani lifeless

But doctors noted that the swelling on Imani's head meant fluid had been leaking from her brain or skull.

And her body temperature was far too cold for a baby who'd suddenly become gravely ill.

Something didn't add up.

And post-mortem results revealed why.

Poor Imani had suffered multiple, painful injuries in the days before her death.

A fractured skull, wrist and spine, at least 40 breaks to her ribs and damage to her brainstem.

Imani had been on the child protection register, and for good reason.

CCTV shows Wiltshire saying goodbye

Police made two arrests…

Her parents.

Born prematurely to drug addicts Rosalin Baker and Jeffrey Wiltshire, Imani's life was troubled from the moment she'd taken her first breath.

She'd spent 65 days in an incubator, battling for her life.

During that time, Rosalin had only visited her daughter 22 times and Jeffrey hadn't shown up at all.

Rosalin had promised social workers she would stay away from Wiltshire.

But, weeks before Imani's death, she'd moved into his east London bedsit with their baby.

And Imani had suffered terrible injuries.

Despite Rosalin's claims that Imani had died suddenly during the bus journey, police suspected her and Jeffrey of staging the whole thing.

At their trial at the Old Bailey in March 2017, they both denied murder and causing or allowing the death of a child.

Jurors heard Rosalin Baker told paramedics Imani 'had been crying until about 10 minutes before the ambulance was called and then she just went quiet'.

But Duncan Atkinson QC said that didn't tally with the baby's condition.

'Her temperature was recorded as 27.4C, far too cold to have been alive that recently,' he told the court.

Jurors also heard that Baker had been oddly detached as fellow passengers tried to save her baby.

'Members of the public, presented with the nightmare of an infant who was not breathing, did all they could to help,' Mr Atkinson continued.

'They were panicking and distressed. In

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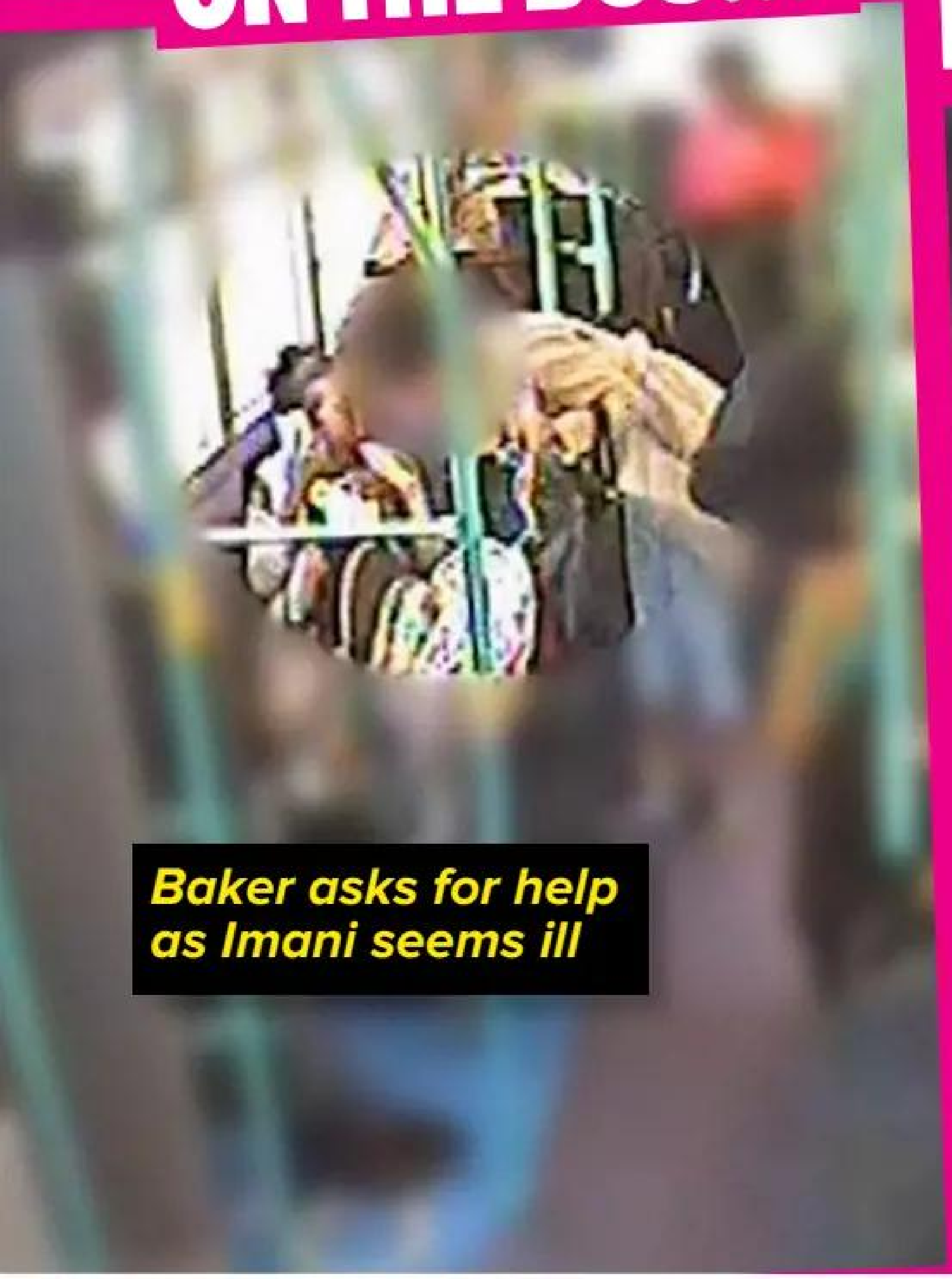
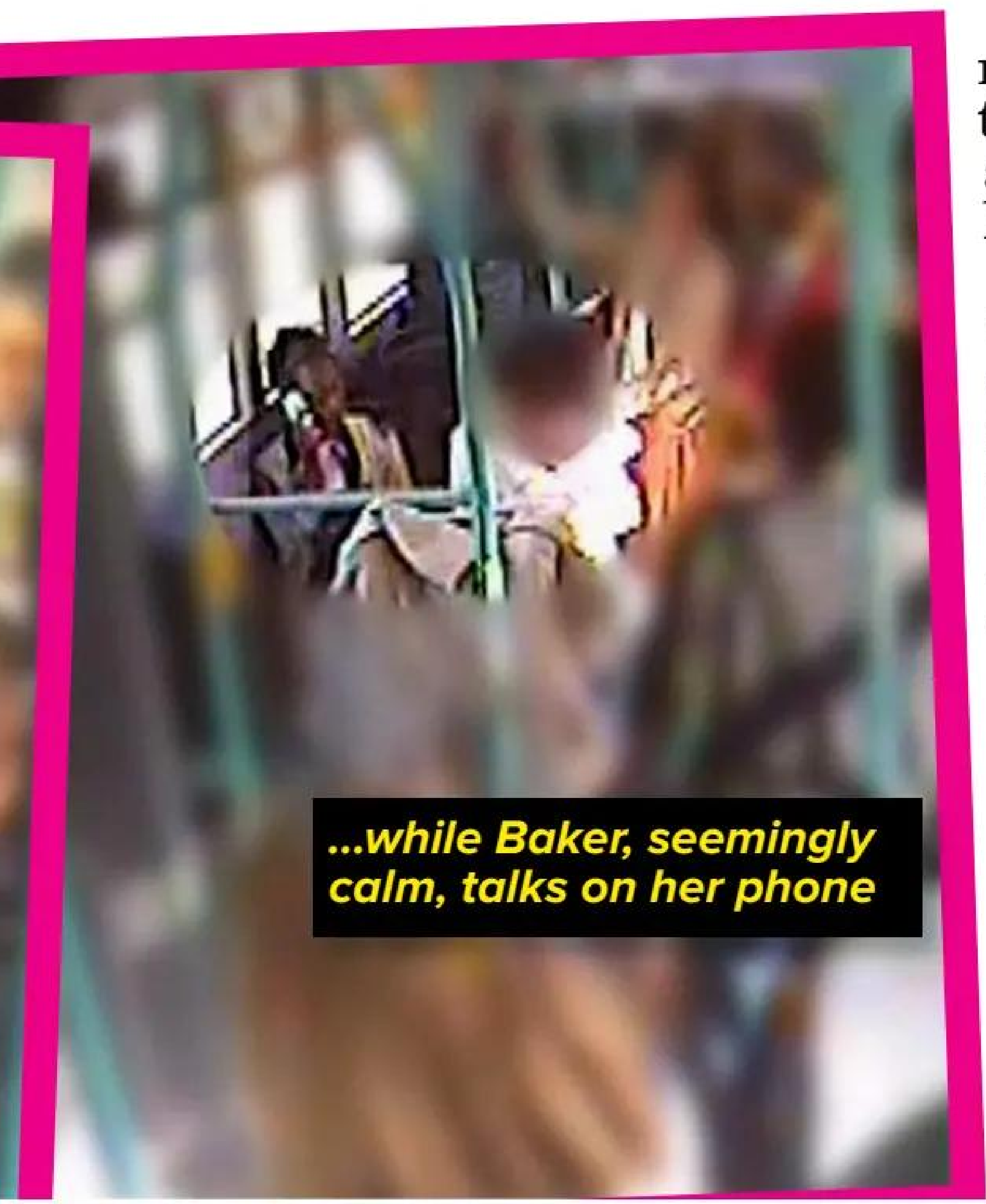


Baker asks for help as Imani seems ill

A passenger tries to give the baby CPR...



...while Baker, seemingly calm, talks on her phone

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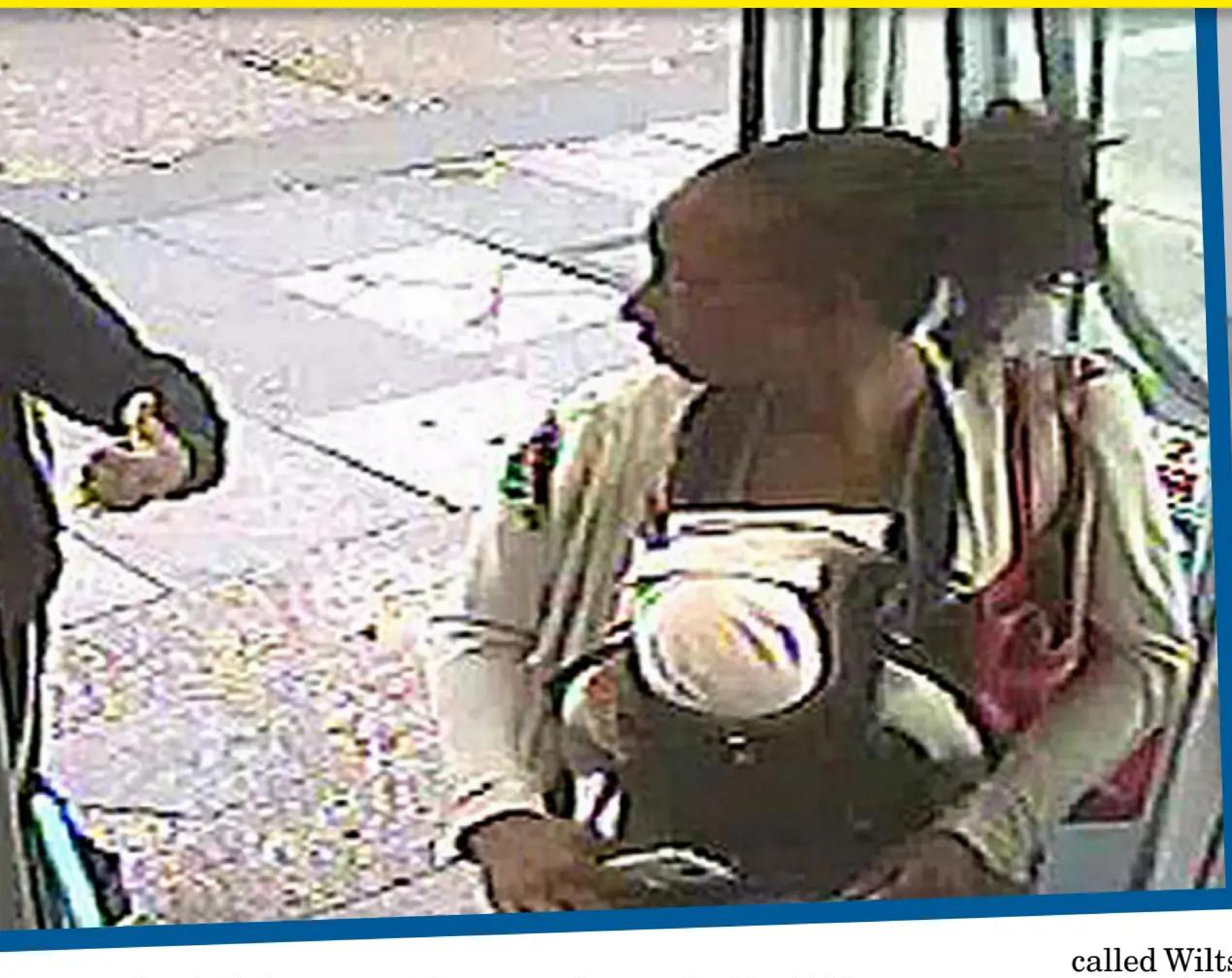

Drug addict Wiltshire has fathered 23 children

contrast, Baker was cold and calm.'

Harrowing CCTV footage was played in court.

One film showed Baker calmly topping up her Oyster travel card in a shop, with Imani strapped in the harness.

Baker showed no emotion as she paid the shopkeeper.

The second showed them boarding the bus.

Jeffrey Wiltshire was also seen kissing Baker goodbye, then giving her the thumbs-up.

Chilling.

It was 20 minutes before Baker raised the alarm – and, later, she showed little emotion when her daughter was pronounced dead.

When asked about the bruising on Imani's head, she'd claimed, 'Dad came round yesterday and I don't know what he did.'

Wiltshire, a father of 23 kids by 18 women, claimed Imani's 'breathing had been laboured' when he'd last seen her on 28 September.

He said he and Baker had noticed her swollen eye, but hadn't taken her to hospital, 'scared of child protection'.

'I'm not a life taker, I'm a baby maker'

Wiltshire, who claimed to be 'proud' to father babies in his 50s, even said, 'I'm not a life taker, I'm a baby maker.'

But an expert found Imani's head injuries suggested 'severe impact to the top of the head, and separately to the left side of the head' and that her rib fractures were caused by 'forceful compression of the chest wall, for example by squeezing with both hands wrapped round the chest'.

Giving evidence, Baker called Wiltshire a violent man.

She claimed he'd tried to frame her for Imani's death. Said that after he'd realised the baby was dead, he'd changed her nappy and clothes, and strapped her body into the harness, saying, 'Sorry, sorry…'

Then, Baker claimed, he'd forced her onto the bus.

But Wiltshire disputed this, claiming he'd returned from a night out in the early hours of 28 September to find the baby off her milk.

He said Baker had packed her bags the following morning and left, taking Imani with her.

He explained the thumbs-up as his normal farewell.

The jury deliberated for 14 hours.

Then…

Clearing the couple of murder, the pair were found guilty of causing or allowing the death of their daughter.

Jailing Baker and Wiltshire for 11 years for the 'cynical charade' to cover up abuse that killed her, Judge Nicholas Hilliard QC described Imani's 'terrifying, painful and bewildering' last days.

He said her head injuries were like those from a car crash.

'You used the dead body of your daughter as part of an attempt to conceal what really happened,' he said.

After the trial, the passenger who tried to resuscitate Imani told of her devastation.

'I can no longer take the bus, and whenever I see a small baby, I always think of Imani,' she said. 'It breaks my heart.'

Calling Baker a monster, she said, 'Both Baker and Wiltshire are the worst kind of people.'

The pair later had their sentences reduced by two years at the Court of Appeal.

Many people were heartbroken for Imani, but those who should have cared for her most had failed her miserably.

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There was a trail of body

Horrifically slain: victim Jun Lin

On 25 May 2012, a brutal video was shared online, showing the murder and mutilation of Jun Lin, 33. It sparked an international hunt – especially when body parts were posted to two Canadian political party HQs and two Vancouver schools.

On 4 June, Luka Magnotta was arrested in a Berlin Internet cafe. Dubbed 'The Butcher of Montreal', he was charged with first-degree murder, committing indignity to a human body, publishing obscene material, criminally harassing members of Parliament, and mailing obscene and indecent material.

Found guilty on all counts, Magnotta was sentenced to life. Here's how he was snared... (Warning: contains graphic detail.)

1 The parcels

On 29 May, a blood-stained package arrived at the Conservative Party HQ, Ottawa. Witnesses said the parcel, decorated with a red heart, had a foul smell.

The Police Hazardous Materials Unit was called to the building to investigate the strange package – and discovered a human foot inside.

Later that day, the postal service discovered a second suspicious package, containing a hand – addressed to Canada's Liberal Party HQ.

As these incidents unfolded, the Montreal police confirmed they were also investigating partial human remains found in a rubbish pile.

Officers remove a package

2 The suitcase

Just a few days previously, on 25 May, a caretaker had found a suitcase among piles of rubbish bags in an alley outside Magnotta's apartment building.

The case was covered with flies, so the caretaker took a closer look...and found a human torso inside.

A man who lived across the hall from Magnotta also recalled a smell coming from Magnotta's flat.

That same day, a gruesome video – ***1 Lunatic 1 Ice Pick*** – appeared online, showing a naked man, tied to a bed frame, being repeatedly stabbed.

His throat was slashed, and his body brutally dismembered and decapitated.

Finally, an image was shown of someone in a purple, hooded jacket, holding an ice pick. The face was obscured, but investigators could make out light skin and dark hair. A poster of the film ***Casablanca*** was displayed on the wall.

Rubbish outside the apartment

3 The CCTV footage

The Montreal police sent investigators to the apartment building, where the torso was found. Officers gained access to footage from the building's five security cameras.

The video showed Jun Lin going into the building with Magnotta at around 10.15am

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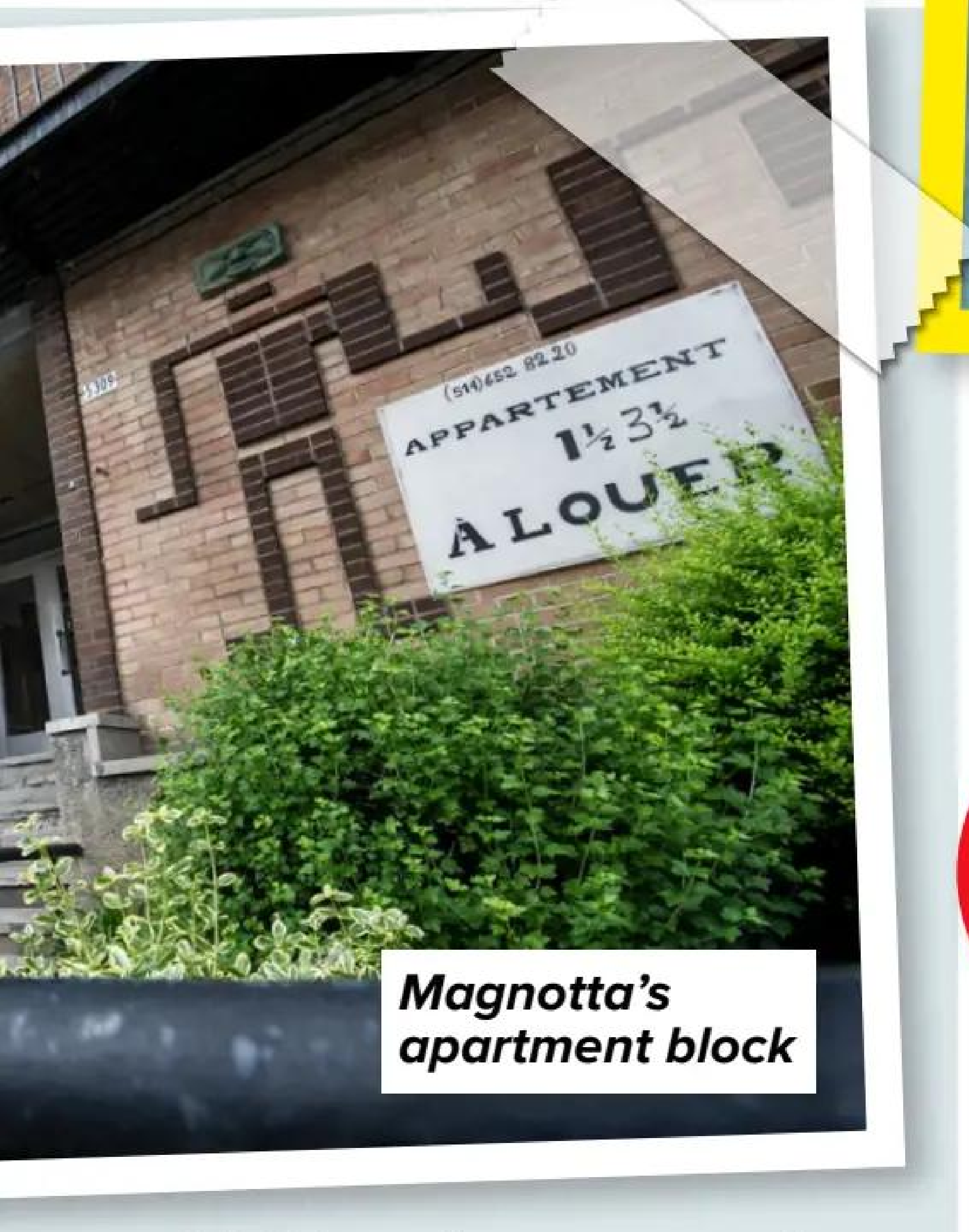
When the police analysed the vile video on 30 May, the online community suggested that the person responsible was Internet attention-seeker Luka Magnotta.

Attention-seeking killer Magnotta



Magnotta's apartment block

on 24 May – just over an hour after Lin's friends last heard from him by text. There were no images of Lin leaving.

Hours later, Magnotta was seen taking out rubbish several times, often having changed clothes. When the police asked the building's superintendent to identify the man on CCTV, he replied, 'That's the guy in 208...'

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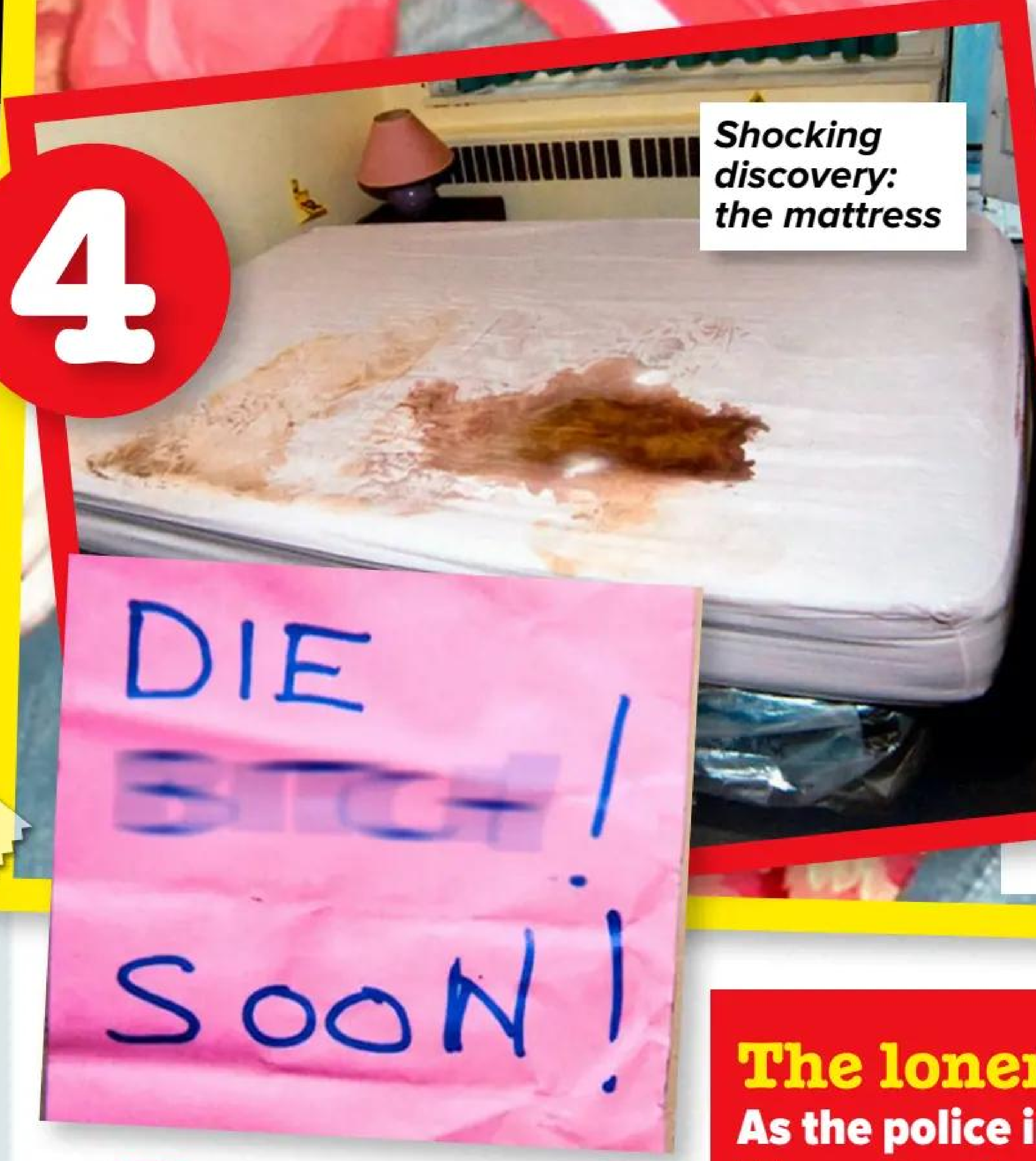
The apartment



Shocking discovery: the mattress

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The police were met by a terrible stench when they went into apartment 208 – and Magnotta had vanished.

Inside the flat, a mattress was stained with a red-brown substance, more of which was found in the sink and bath, on the floor and in the freezer.

The *Casablanca* poster seen in the *1 Lunatic 1 Ice Pick* video was found, as was a bottle used to assault the victim. Investigators found a message in red letters on the wall, *If you don't like the reflection, don't look in the mirror. I don't care.*

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The schools

On 5 June, two days after Magnotta's Berlin arrest, packages sent from Montreal arrived at two schools in Vancouver – in one was a foot, in the other a hand.

Both packages contained menacing notes, written on pink paper.

One read, *Die b*tch! Soon!*, while the other was a poem.

*Roses are red, violets are blue, the police will need dental records to identify you, b*tch.*

The loner

As the police investigated Magnotta, they discovered he'd worked as a male model, a stripper and male escort. He'd appeared in four porn films.

In 2005, Magnotta had been convicted of fraud against a mentally disabled woman. He was treated for paranoid schizophrenia.

In December 2010, he'd been linked to posting an online video showing two kittens suffocated with a vacuum cleaner.

On a blog called *Necrophilia Serial Killer Luka Magnotta*, a March 2012 post read, *It's not cool to the world being a necrophiliac. It's bloody lonely.*

It added, *People would be repulsed by me if they found out about my feelings.*

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Under arrest: Magnotta back in Montreal

Yokohama District Court

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Defenceless and entirely innocent, his victims didn't stand a chance...

When a member of the Japanese parliament received a strange and disturbing letter from a 26-year-old man in Tokyo, they brushed it off as being from just another oddball.

Thank you very much for reading this letter. I can wipe out a total of 470 disabled individuals, wrote Satoshi Uematsu in February 2016.

At the time, he was working at the Tsukui Yamayuri-en care facility, just outside Tokyo.

And, worryingly, he was responsible for the care of 150 vulnerable, disabled residents.

I am fully aware that my remark is eccentric. However, thinking about the tired faces of guardians, the dull eyes of caregivers working at the facility, I am not able to contain myself, and so I decided to take action today for the sake of Japan and the world, he added in the distressing letter.

Incredibly, Uematsu said he believed that 'handicapped people only create unhappiness' and wanted Japan to be 'a country where the disabled can be euthanised'.

Uematsu had also been open to colleagues about his dislike of people with disabilities, confessing that he wanted to kill the residents he cared for.

They reported him to the police and Uematsu was arrested, and held in hospital for two weeks.

He was later released when the doctor decided he wasn't a threat. But it was a matter of some concern that he was still telling people openly that he didn't think disabled people had human rights and that there was 'no point in living' for them.

Then, late one night on 26 July 2016, CCTV footage captured the moment Uematsu drove to Tsukui Yamayuri-en Care Facility, where he'd formerly worked.

The images show him getting out of the car and walking to the building. He then broke a window and crept into the facility.

Equipped with a bag of knives, Uematsu worked his way around the care home killing, one by one, 19 innocent people, aged from 19 to 70.

He went from room to room, stabbing and cutting his victims' throats as they slept in their beds. With both physical and mental disabilities, they were defenceless.

Despite residents and care-home workers screaming at him to stop, he was relentless, wounding a further 25 people – 20 of them seriously.

A short time later, as paramedics and staff at the facility dealt with the carnage, Uematsu turned up at a police station, still holding the bloodied knives.

Tests showed he'd been smoking cannabis before he carried out the attack.

Around 150 mentally and physically disabled people were living in the care home at the time, with nine members of staff.

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The killer outside the care home...

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Death sentence: Satoshi Uematsu

Violent crime is rare in Japan and the incident appalled the nation. It was one of the country's worst mass killings.

In January 2020, Satoshi Uematsu appeared in court and pleaded not guilty on grounds of diminished capacity.

His lawyer claimed he had a psychiatric disorder.

'He was in a condition in which either he had no capacity to take responsibility or such a capacity was significantly weakened,' his lawyer said.

The defence said the defendant's personality had drastically changed over the previous few years because of his cannabis use.

They claimed that his drug use triggered his mental disorder and the subsequent attack.

However, prosecutors said that Uematsu was capable of taking responsibility, and the rampage was inhumane, leaving no room for leniency.

Uematsu said that the attack was the 'most meaningful thing' he could do, adding, 'It is wrong to take care of those with serious mental disabilities.'

Takashi Ono, 76, whose son Kazuya, 46, was severely injured in the attack, addressed Uematsu in court.

He said of the attack on his son, 'The family was able to live with happiness, along with concern. You took that away.'

Uematsu apologised to the family.

Meanwhile, over 2,000 people lined up outside the Yokohama court to get a seat in the public gallery, so intense was public interest.

The whole street was swarming with journalists.

Speaking with reporters outside the court building, wheelchair user Yuki Kuriyama, 41, told them she had come because she wanted 'to know why he came to have such ideas about disabled people'.

...on a mission to slaughter

During the trial, proceedings were interrupted when Uematsu appeared to put something in his mouth before struggling with uniformed court officials.

As three of them held him down, he writhed on the floor. The hearing had to be adjourned.

However, in March 2020, Uematsu was found guilty of the killings and sentenced to hang.

'I had to do it for the sake of society,' he insisted afterwards.

'I don't think I'm innocent but it wasn't something punishable by death.'

The shocking crime brought to light the attitudes of some in Japan towards disabled people.

It has been suggested that the identities of most of those killed have not been revealed by their families, reportedly because some don't want to reveal they had a disabled relative.

'I had to do it for the sake of society,' he said

However, one mother, whose 19-year old daughter Miho was killed during the vile massacre, said Uematsu deserved to die for what he did.

'Even the most extreme penalty is light for you,' she said.

Miho was autistic and unable to speak. Photos shared by her mother show a smiling Miho when she started junior high school.

'She loved music, she lived as energetically as she could,' her mother told Japanese broadcasting agency NHK.

'Her name was Miho. I want that public as proof that she existed,' she said.'I want people to know who she was.'

Satoshi Uematsu's callous killing ripped apart many families and targeted the most vulnerable in society.

Due to the inhumane nature of his crimes, the prosecution sought the death penalty. Uematsu was sentenced to death in March 2020.

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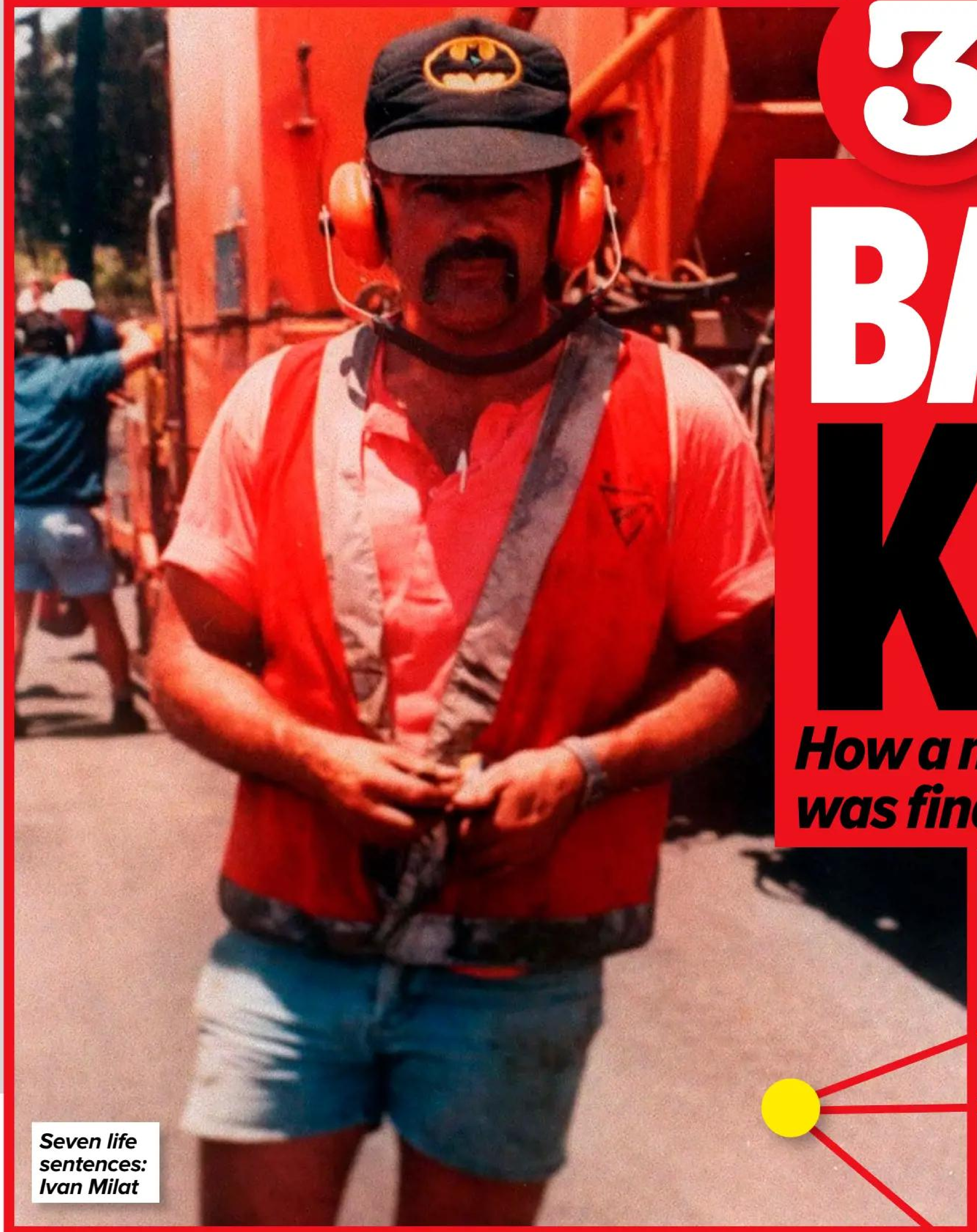
3 CLUES TO THE BACKPA KILLE

How a moustachioed monster was finally brought to justice



Seven life sentences: Ivan Milat

Caroline Clarke

For backpackers seeking adventure, Australia has always been a common destination. Over the years, young travellers have flocked there to explore.

But three decades ago, it was the scene of a series of mysterious disappearances.

From 1989 to 1992, when travellers were going missing, police were unable to find them – or a link between the cases.

But then, bodies were discovered.

Seven of the missing people, aged 19 to 22. They'd been stabbed or shot, and partially buried in a forest.

And slowly, the authorities began to join the dots...

Picked up while they'd been hitch-hiking along a long stretch of road between Sydney and Melbourne, the backpackers had been killed and then dumped in shallow graves in the Belanglo State Forest. One had been decapitated, another sexually assaulted.

It was one of the most notorious strings of murders Australia had ever seen – and the hunt for the killer was on.

In May 1994, Ivan Milat, 49, was arrested.

In court, his defence tried to shift the blame to others, even Milat's own brother. But eventually, in July 1996, Ivan Milat was found guilty of seven counts of murder.

He received a life sentence for each life he stole, with no chance of parole.

For more than two decades, he appealed his verdict, never admitting to the murders. He professed his innocence until he died of cancer in prison in October 2019, aged 74.

We look at the clues that led authorities to the terrifying Aussie killer.

Police at one burial site

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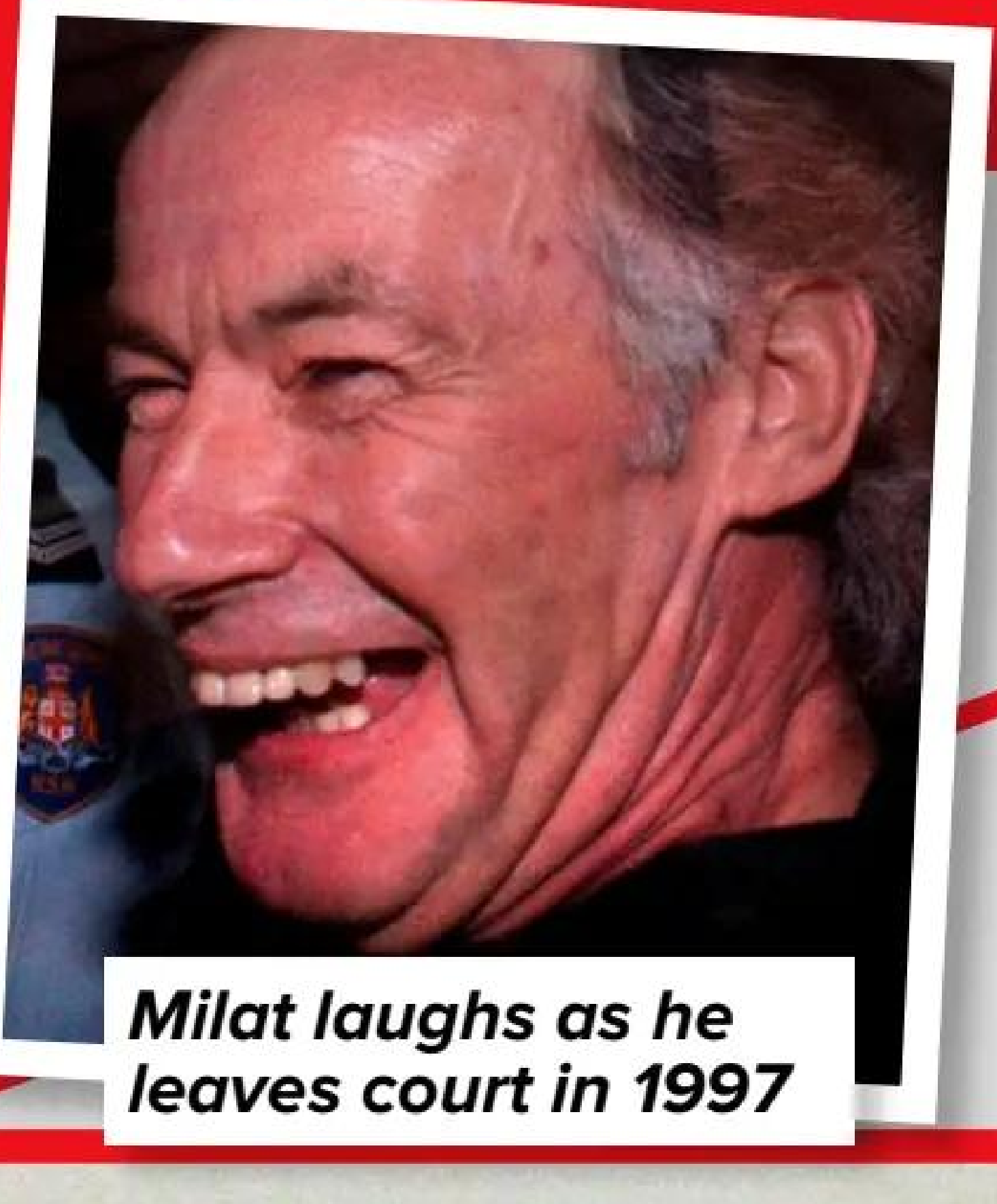
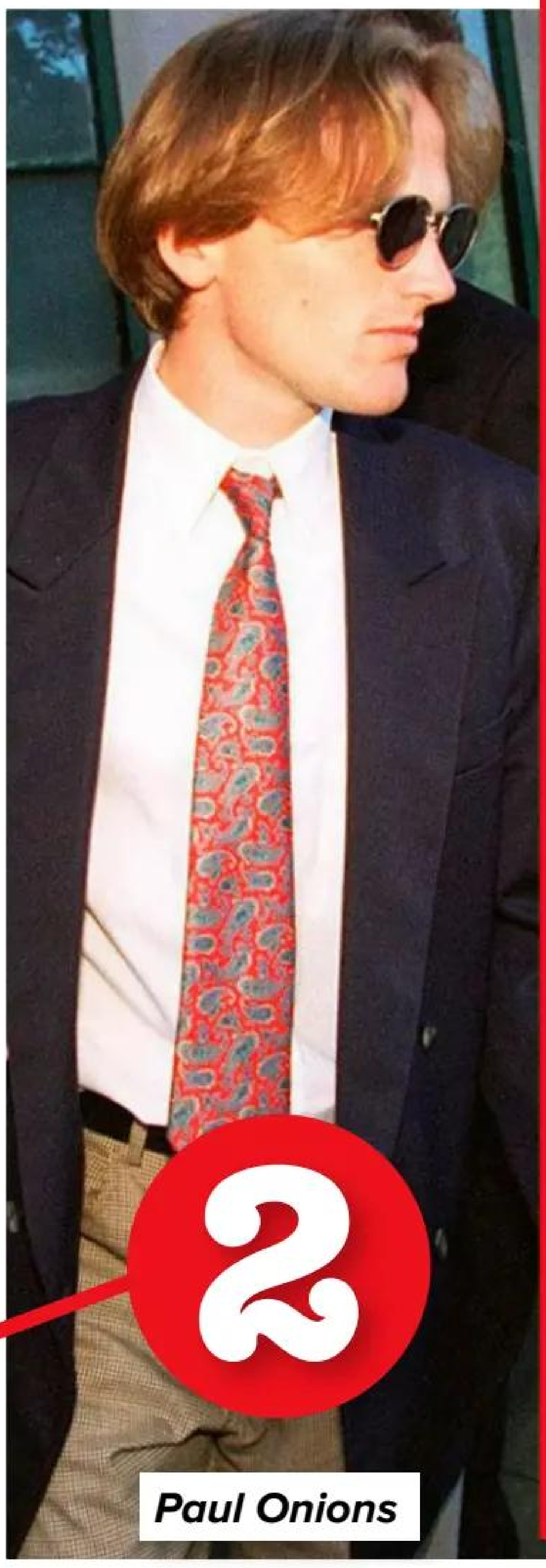


Milat laughs as he leaves court in 1997



Paul Onions

THE LUCKY ONE

British backpacker Paul Onions was picked up by Milat in a white Toyota Land Cruiser as he hitch-hiked from Sydney to Mildura in January 1990.

But Paul, 23, soon sensed something was wrong. Milat had begun talking offensively, making racist remarks.

Approaching the Belanglo State Forest, Milat pulled over, telling Paul he wanted to get some music tapes. But instead, Milat pulled out a gun and some rope, telling the hitch-hiker he was about to be robbed.

Paul didn't waste another second, jumping out of the car. Running for his life, he heard gunshots behind him. Desperate, he tried to flag down other cars.

Finally picked up by grandmother Joanne Berry, Paul went to the nearest police station. But authorities didn't follow it up, and the report outlining what happened to Paul sat collecting dust.

Meanwhile, Milat went on to kill five people…

It wasn't until Paul was safely back home in the UK, watching the news reports of bodies discovered in the same area, that he contacted Australian Federal Police.

Joanne Berry also contacted police separately around the same time, telling them about the day she saved Paul.

Paul became a key witness in Milat's trial. Without his testimony, who knows whether Milat would ever have been found and convicted?

THE MURDER VICTIMS

In September 1992, two runners found a body in a shallow grave in the Belanglo State Forest.

As police searched the area, a second corpse was unearthed.

Identified using dental records, the bodies were named as British travellers Caroline Clarke, 21, and Joanne Walters, 22.

Caroline had been shot in the head 10 times, Joanne had been stabbed 35 times.

The pair had been reported missing five months earlier.

Then, in October 1993, a man searching for firewood found bones in a secluded part of the forest.

Those bones belonged to two more victims – Australians James Gibson and his girlfriend Deborah Everist, both 19.

Missing since December 1989, they'd been stabbed and beaten to death.

Forensic tests later showed that the victims were probably all killed by the same person.

A month later, a fifth body, that of 21-year-old German tourist Simone Schmidl, was discovered.

She'd gone missing in January 1991.

Just a few days on, the remains of Gabor Neugebauer, 21, and his girlfriend Anja Habschied, 20, missing since December 1991, were found 80 metres apart from each other.

Young people's lives cut horrendously short.

It was only later, during the police investigation, that officers realised Milat had yet more victims.

His criminal history revealed that at the age of 25, in 1971, Milat had picked up two 18-year-old female hitch-hikers.

Threatening to kill them with a knife, he'd raped one of the women before the pair had escaped.

With rape charges and armed-robbery charges looming over him, Milat had left his shoes by a well-known suicide spot known as The Gap.

Faking his own death, he'd gone off the radar for three years.

When he was found, the charges had been dropped.

But in 1977, he'd picked up two more hitch-hikers – again, a pair of 18-year-old women.

When Milat had tried to pounce, the duo had managed to escape his evil clutches.

They'd described a man with 'black straggly hair'.

Milat's home

THE HOUSE SEARCH

Milat's own brother, Alex, went to the police, without knowing he was putting his sibling in the frame for the murders.

Trying to help with the search for the missing backpackers, he gave officers crucial information.

He claimed to have seen two cars heading to the Belanglo State Forest.

Inside the vehicles, he said he'd seen a number of men and two bound, gagged women.

Ivvan Milat lived near the forest. He had no solid alibi for the days the backpackers went missing. The police put him under surveillance. They waited to gather enough evidence for a search warrant.

Then, in May 1992, they got the clue they needed.

Alex told officers that Ivan had given him and his wife a backpack as a gift.

Police discovered that it belonged to Simone Schmidl, one of the victims.

In a dramatic raid, police stormed Ivan Milat's house.

Inside, they found clothes and camping equipment belonging to the murdered backpackers.

There were sleeping bags, a tent, backpacks and a portable stove.

It would seem that Milat had kept them as trophies of his evil killings.

Police found guns, gags, home-made handcuffs and a large knife, too.

Finally, they had their murder suspect.

EVERY STEP YOU TAKE

Wherever Molly McLaren went, her obsessive ex was there – watching her...

Joanne McLaren wasn't sure about her daughter's new boyfriend.

It was July 2016, and Molly, 22, from Cobham, Kent, had recently met Joshua Stimpson, 25, on the dating app Tinder.

Told Joshua was bipolar, Joanne felt apprehensive about meeting him. But when she did, that November, she'd felt relieved her girl's new man seemed 'normal', if a little cold.

Molly, on the other hand, was loved for her warmth and 'heart of gold'. Close to her mum, and dad Doug, Molly had lots of friends, and enjoyed going to festivals.

She was a sensitive girl, though, had battled bulimia and anxiety. Her recovery had inspired her to study Sports Health at the University of Kent.

She dreamed of helping others with eating disorders, and started a blog on positivity, writing, *Be kind to everyone as you don't know what battles they are facing…*

Perhaps that's why she took a chance on Joshua.

However, the warehouse worker soon seemed immature.

He was demanding, too – would turn up when Molly had said she couldn't see him.

On 25 May 2017, Molly texted Joshua saying she felt she was constantly *treading on eggshells*, before finally ending the relationship at a party on 17 June.

Joshua took it badly, causing a scene and shouting, 'She's finished with me!'

Over the next few days, he posted lies about Molly on Facebook, saying she'd *dabbled with cocaine*.

He posted lies about Molly on Facebook

Another chilling comment indicated there was *more to come*.

Molly told her friends she was scared Joshua might hurt her.

When she reported the abuse at North Kent Police Station, the investigating officer PC Philpott dialled Joshua on loudspeaker and said, 'We wouldn't want Molly to come to the police station again about you, would we?'

'Wouldn't we?' Joshua replied.

Days later, Molly was chatting to friends at The Ship & Trades pub in Dockside, Chatham, when she spotted a familiar face staring at her.

Joshua Stimpson.

Her friends said he was a creep, who must have followed her after they'd posted about their night out on social media.

Next morning, 29 June 2017, Molly drove to her gym at Chatham Docks. Joshua went into the gym after her and she confronted him, asking, 'Are you following me now?'

Her mum Joanne was at home a little while later when her phone rang.

'He's here, Mum,' Molly said, sounding frightened.

Joanne knew who she meant, and urged her to come home.

It was the last time she would speak to her daughter.

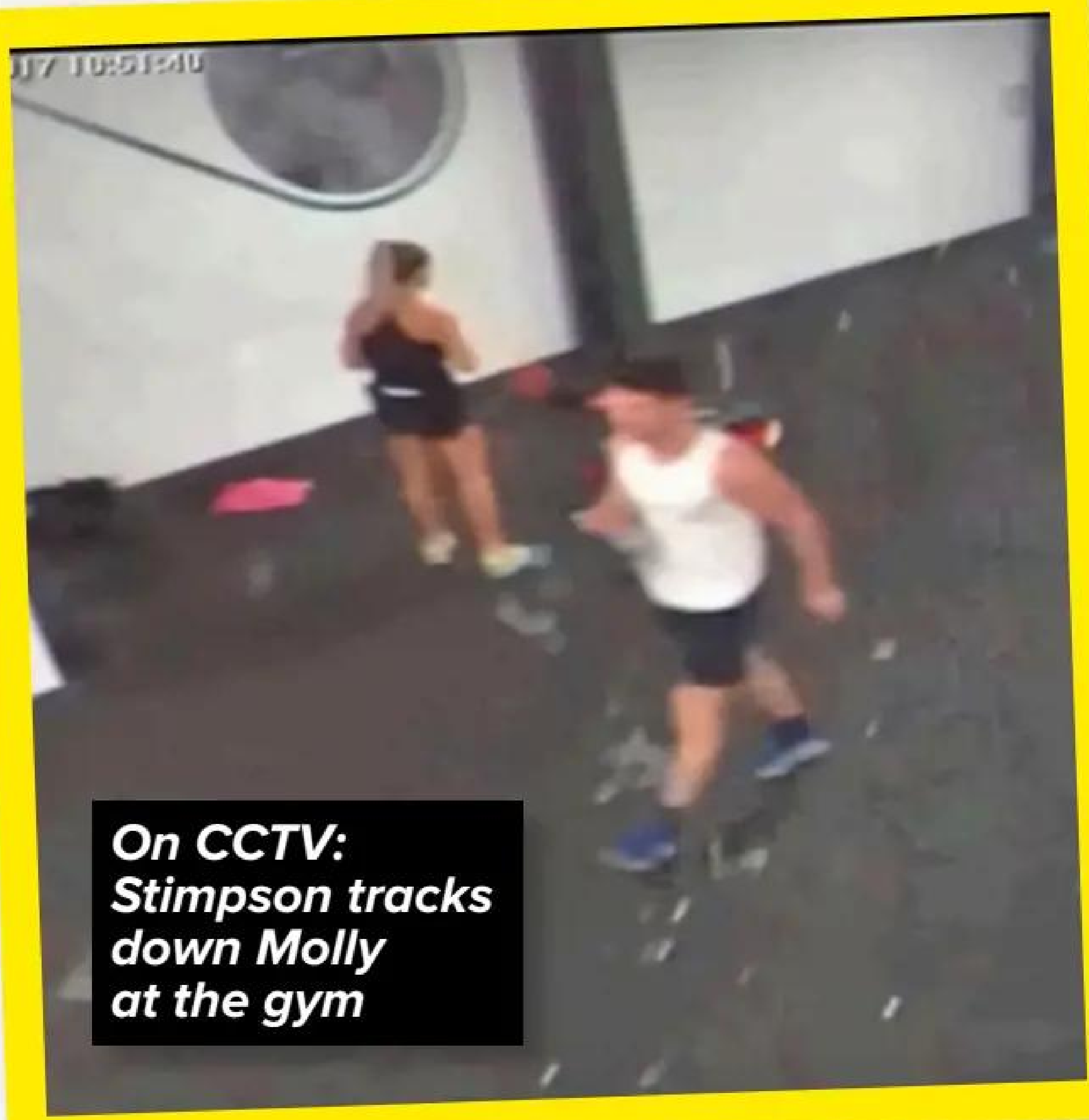
Minutes later, Molly left the gym. Sitting in her black Citroen C2 in the busy car park, she messaged friends on WhatsApp...

*I feel like I am f*cking looking over my shoulder all the time.*

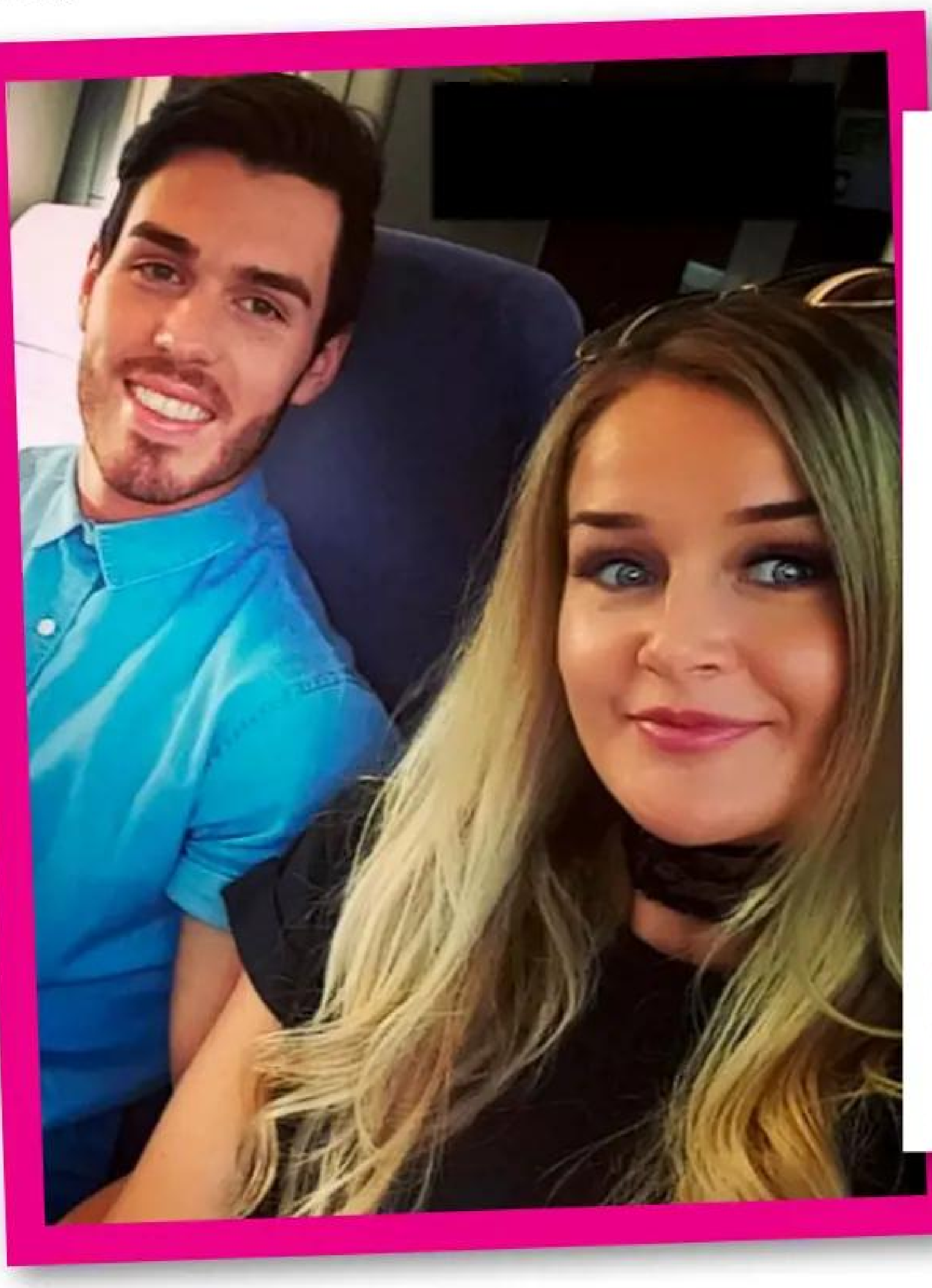
One friend replied, warning her to be careful.

Tragically, Molly never read the messages, because Joshua had followed her.

In broad daylight, he pulled out a knife, yanked open the



On CCTV: Stimpson tracks down Molly at the gym



Boyfriend Joshua grew demanding

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Molly: kind and sensitive, she wanted to help others

Stimpson is arrested

CAUGHT ON CAMERA

driver door and launched a ferocious attack. He stabbed Molly repeatedly in the head and neck as she desperately beeped the car horn.

A passer-by tried to save her.

'He's killing her,' he shouted, trying to pull Stimpson away, but his hand slipped because of all the blood, and Stimpson moved further inside the car, hacking at Molly's neck.

Police arrived and arrested Stimpson.

Meanwhile, her mum was at home, panicking. *Where's Molly?*

Her worst fears came true when police arrived. Molly was dead.

She'd suffered a horrific 75 stab wounds in the 'frenzied attack', during which her neck had almost been severed.

She hadn't stood a chance.

Her distraught friends and family were left asking 'why?'.

At Maidstone Crown Court, in January 2018, Stimpson, 26, denied murder, pleading guilty to manslaughter by diminished responsibility. However, he was tried for murder.

Giving evidence, Stimpson's former girlfriend Alexandra Dale described him as 'possessive' and 'on the edge'.

She said he'd stalked her and threatened to 'drown' and 'stab' her.

Benjamin Morton, the man who'd tried to save Molly, told the jury Stimpson seemed 'determined to overwhelm' and kill her.

The court heard Stimpson had been affected by his parents' break-up during his childhood. In the following years, he'd repeatedly been referred to a mental-health clinic due to his 'hypersensitivity to any rejection'.

She'd suffered a horrific 75 stab wounds

But psychiatrist Dr Philip Joseph said Stimpson had shown 'no remorse' for killing Molly and had narcissistic traits.

The jury saw CCTV footage of Stimpson buying a Sabatier paring knife from Asda in Chatham before the killing.

The police also recovered two Stanley knives and a pickaxe from his car.

CCTV footage from the gym on the day of Molly's death showed her arriving at 10.06am. Ten minutes later, Stimpson drove his dad's car into the car park.

Further footage showed him going inside wearing a white vest, dark shorts and trainers, and carrying a gym bag hiding the weapons. Going upstairs, he was filmed entering an almost empty exercise room, walking slowly past Molly.

On seeing him, she got up and talked to him before carrying on exercising. After walking out a little while later, Stimpson appeared to be waiting for Molly, holding his gym bag and peering into the exercise room before leaving the gym.

Molly was then seen for the last time – walking into the car park, holding her phone as she went to get into her car. Minutes later, she was dead.

The jury was next shown film taken from a police body-worn camera, after the killing.

In the car park, the police officer approached Stimpson, standing next to Molly's car. He was covered in her blood.

When asked his name, Stimpson calmly replied, 'Josh.'

After the evidence had been heard, the jury took four hours to deliberate, then found Joshua Stimpson guilty of murder.

Jailing Stimpson for a minimum of 26 years, Judge Adele Williams told him, 'Yåou are a highly dangerous young man and you will pose a very considerable risk to women for a very considerable period in the future. This was a cruel, calculated and cowardly act.'

Molly's mum Joanne wept outside court as the family urged for more public awareness about stalking.

They have since launched an eating- disorder charity, The Molly McLaren Foundation, and organised a fundraising festival, MollyFest, to ensure her legacy lives on.

If it wasn't for Stimpson, Molly herself would be living on, spreading kindness everywhere she went.

Joanne will make sure her girl's legacy lives on

3 CLUES THE SH SHOOT

The hunt to find the man behind a deadly rampage

Tobias Rathjen in 1996

XENOPHOBIC MOTIVE

Before 19 February 2020, the town of Hanau, near Frankfurt, in Germany, was best known for its goldsmith industry and port.

But on that night, it became one of the most talked-about towns in the world, when Tobias Rathjen opened fire in three bars.

From that moment, Hanau would forever be known as the backdrop to an abhorrent and fatal shooting spree at the hands of a far-right terrorist.

It was around 10pm when gunman Tobias Rathjen, then 43, stormed a shisha bar in the city centre.

It was a place where friends gathered to smoke flavoured tobacco from a communal water pipe, known as a hookah.

Witnesses reported hearing gunshots from the bar, and from a second bar close by, before a man fled the scene in a black car.

He sped off, driving almost two miles to a third shisha bar.

There, he reached for his gun yet again, spraying bullets across the groups of innocent revellers.

A total of nine people were killed, including a 35-year-old pregnant mum-of-two – in the three attacks. Five others were wounded.

All of the victims were aged between 21 and 44. They included both German and foreign citizens, but all were from immigrant backgrounds, leading police to conclude there may have been a xenophobic motive for the killings.

They launched a manhunt, and a helicopter was brought in to search for what police feared was more than one attacker.

With the help of eye-witness statements and surveillance cameras, officers moved nearer to their sole suspect.

Hours after the incident, police stormed the house of 43-year-old local Tobias Rathjen.

But what they found was shocking.

Rathjen was dead. As was his 72-year-old mother.

Rathjen had shot dead his mother before turning the gun on himself and taking his own life.

So why were police so certain Rathjen had the blood of nine lives on his hands?

We take a look at some of the clues that unmasked this racist brute.

1 THE ONLINE FOOTPRINT

It quickly transpired that Tobias Rathjen didn't keep his extremely racist views a secret.

Straight after the attacks, the Chancellor of Germany Angela Merkel told the Press, 'There are many indications at the moment that the perpetrator acted on right-wing extremist, racist motives, out of hatred towards people of other origins, religion or appearance.'

And the true extent of his hatred was revealed in Rathjen's personal website.

In an uploaded video, he revealed his far-right conspiracy theories.

He said the US was under the control of invisible societies and claimed there were 'deep underground military bases' in which 'they abuse, torture and kill little children'.

Rathjen had also uploaded a 24-page manifesto, in which he called for the 'complete extermination' of many 'races or cultures in our midst'.

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Police seize the suspect's car

THE GETAWAY CAR

As shocked revellers dealt with the aftermath of the first two attacks that dreadful night, witnesses reported seeing a vehicle flee the scene at around 10pm.

German police later said they were searching for 'a dark car' in connection with the incident.

They urged any witnesses with mobile-phone footage to upload it to a police website.

Tip-offs from locals who'd seen a car matching the description parked on the street allowed police to track down the suspect.

Officials ID-checked the number plate on the car and matched it to the home of Tobias Rathjen.

Following the storming of his apartment, police turned their attention to the getaway car.

In it, they found ammunition, a gun holster and gun magazines.

Records showed that Rathjen had legally purchased the same type of gun as the one used in the attack, a Glock 17 9mm Luger, via an online portal.

He'd held a firearms licence since 2013.

Rathjen revealed his views on video

He listed races and nations he believed 'must be completely destroyed', in North Africa, the Middle East and Central Asia.

'If there was a button I could press to make this happen, I would press it immediately,' he said.

THE LOCATIONS

The scenes of the atrocity were the Midnight shisha bar and La Votre cafe and bar in central Hanau, and the Arena Bar & Cafe – another shisha spot across town.

Security camera footage from one of the bars showed that Rathjen had visited the premises just days before the attack.

It indicated this wasn't just a random rampage.

He knew exactly who he was targeting.

Shisha bars are popular in many parts of the world and are traditionally found in Middle Eastern and Asian countries.

In fact, the shisha bars targeted were frequented mainly by the Turkish and Kurdish immigrant communities of Hanau.

This information only added to the evidence of a xenophobic motive.

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Site of the first attack...

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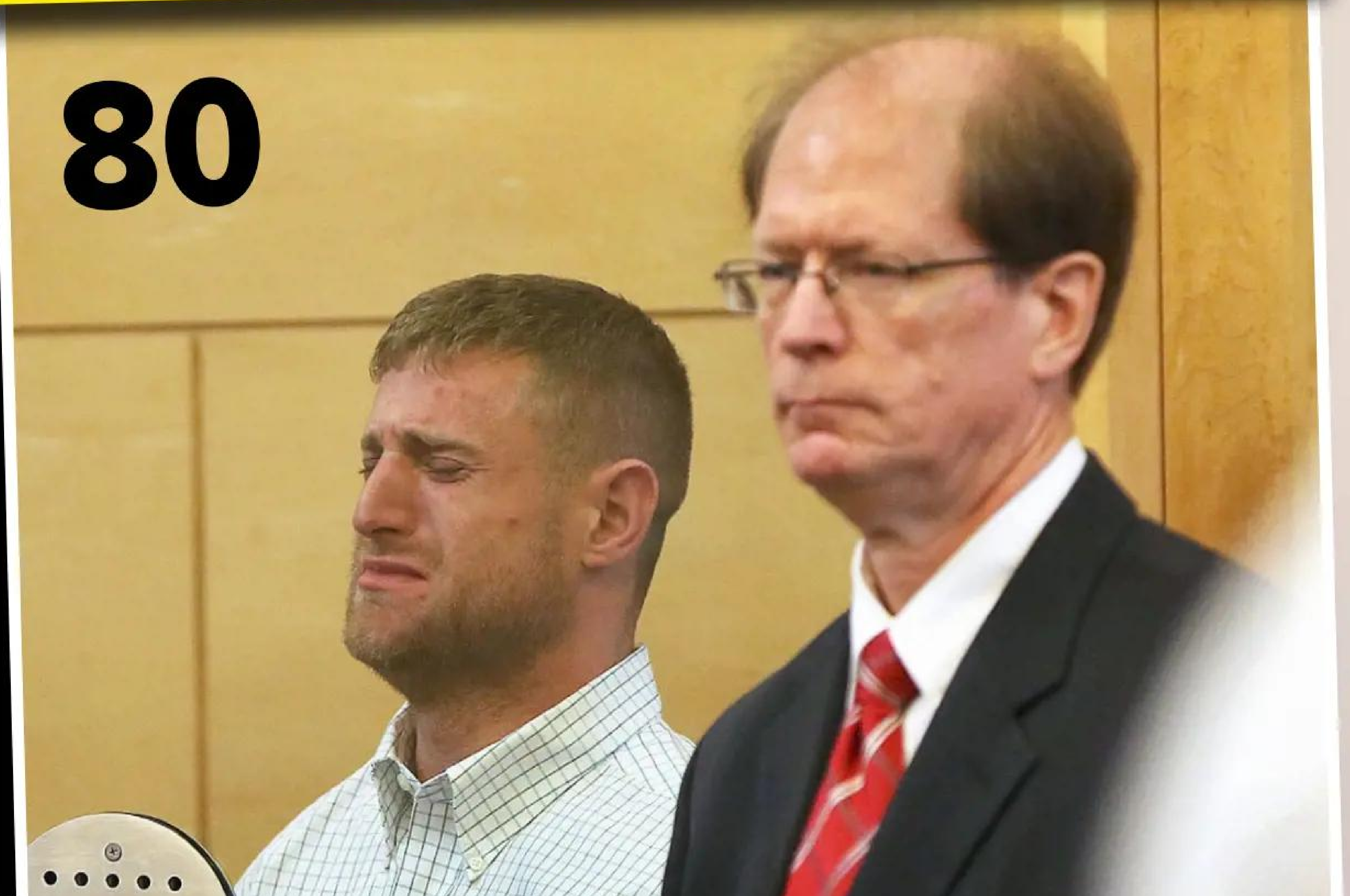

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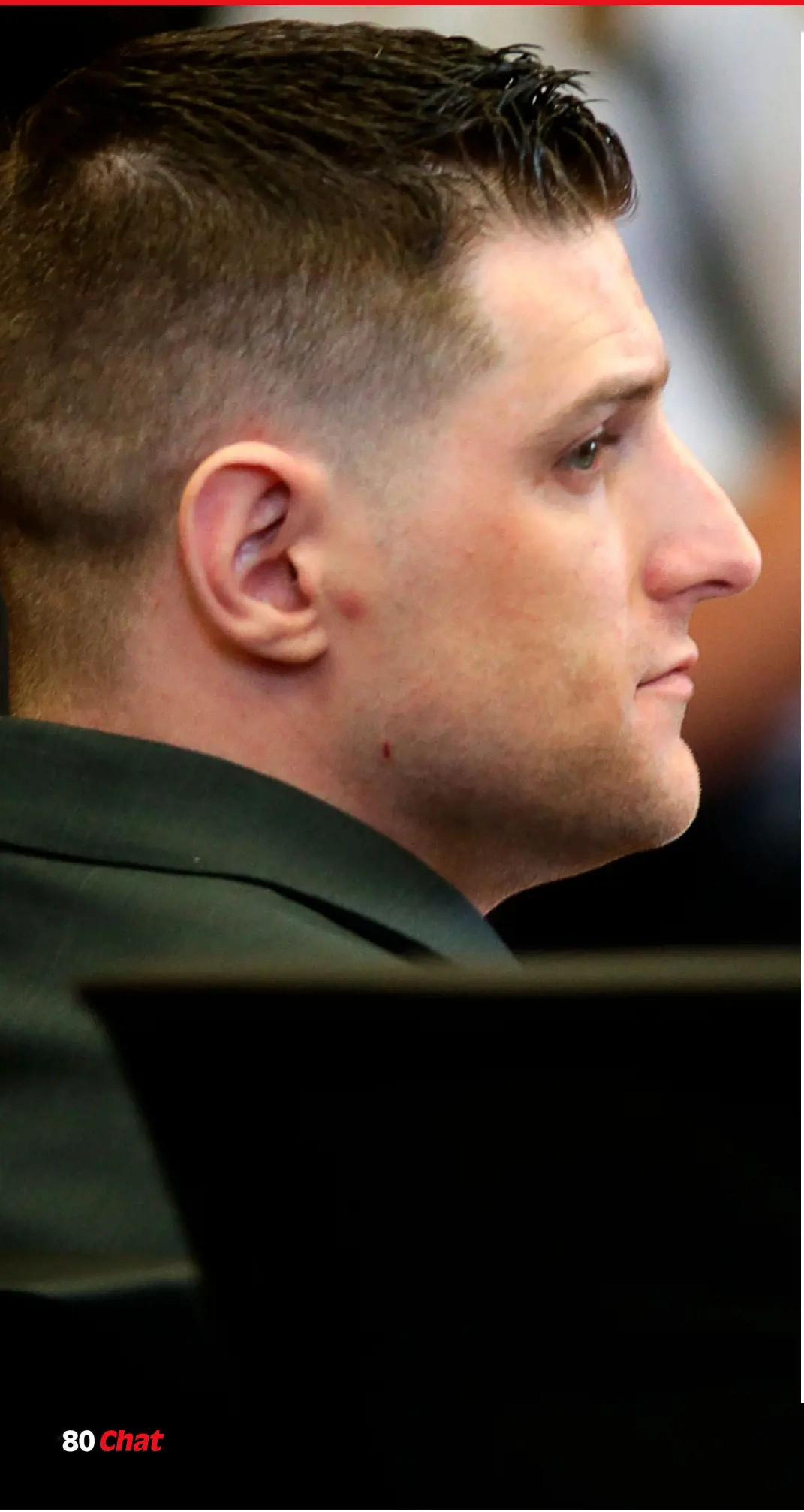


Maybe the happy Facebook photographs hid a dark truth...

Scrolling through Vanessa Masucci's Facebook profile, it would be easy to think she had it all.

Regular posts drew a timeline of her courtship with her partner Andrew MacCormack.

An announcement of their engagement, happy snaps of their wedding.

Vanessa's profile picture showed her in a beautiful fishtail gown on her big day, glowing with happiness.

She was a teacher, Andrew had a good job in a union. They lived in a new house in Revere, Massachusetts, USA.

And in 2016, they'd announced the arrival of their baby girl. It should have been the start of a long, happy future.

But on September 2017, tragedy struck.

Andrew was out when he received a worried phone call from Vanessa's parents. They couldn't reach her.

Andrew raced back home, staying on the line to Vanessa's mum.

Arriving, he told them he'd found Vanessa dead.

Calling 911, Andrew seemed panicked. 'She's dead, I think,' he said, sounding shell-shocked.

Soon after, officers arrived at the couple's home.

Doting mother

Vanessa was pronounced dead at the scene. Officers could see she'd been beaten, strangled and stabbed.

The killer had covered her head with a bin bag and the house had been scrubbed with bleach.

As the police cordoned off the crime scene, the news began to spread.

Vanessa was a well-liked teacher, a loving wife and a doting mother to her 1-year-old daughter.

Why had she been murdered in her own home?

A postmortem revealed Vanessa had a blunt-force injury to her head, sharp-force injuries to her neck, and asphyxiation.

Vanessa's body also had chemical burns, after the murderer had tried to cover their tracks with bleach.

The police worked through the night, scouring the house for evidence.

The MacCormack family home, scene of the crime

And it became clear that Vanessa and Andrew's picture-perfect life wasn't all it seemed…

Two days later, Andrew MacCormack, 31, was arrested and charged with Vanessa's murder.

Yet at Suffolk Superior Court in November 2019, he denied he was responsible for his wife's death.

Sobbing in the dock, he looked every part the heartbroken widower.

The prosecution painted a different picture. They told the court Andrew was hiding a drug addiction.

And they presented evidence showing Vanessa was tired of her husband's erratic behaviour.

In text messages a month before her death, Vanessa told Andrew she wanted to sell their house and get a divorce.

Months earlier, Andrew had forged cheques from his wife's bank account.

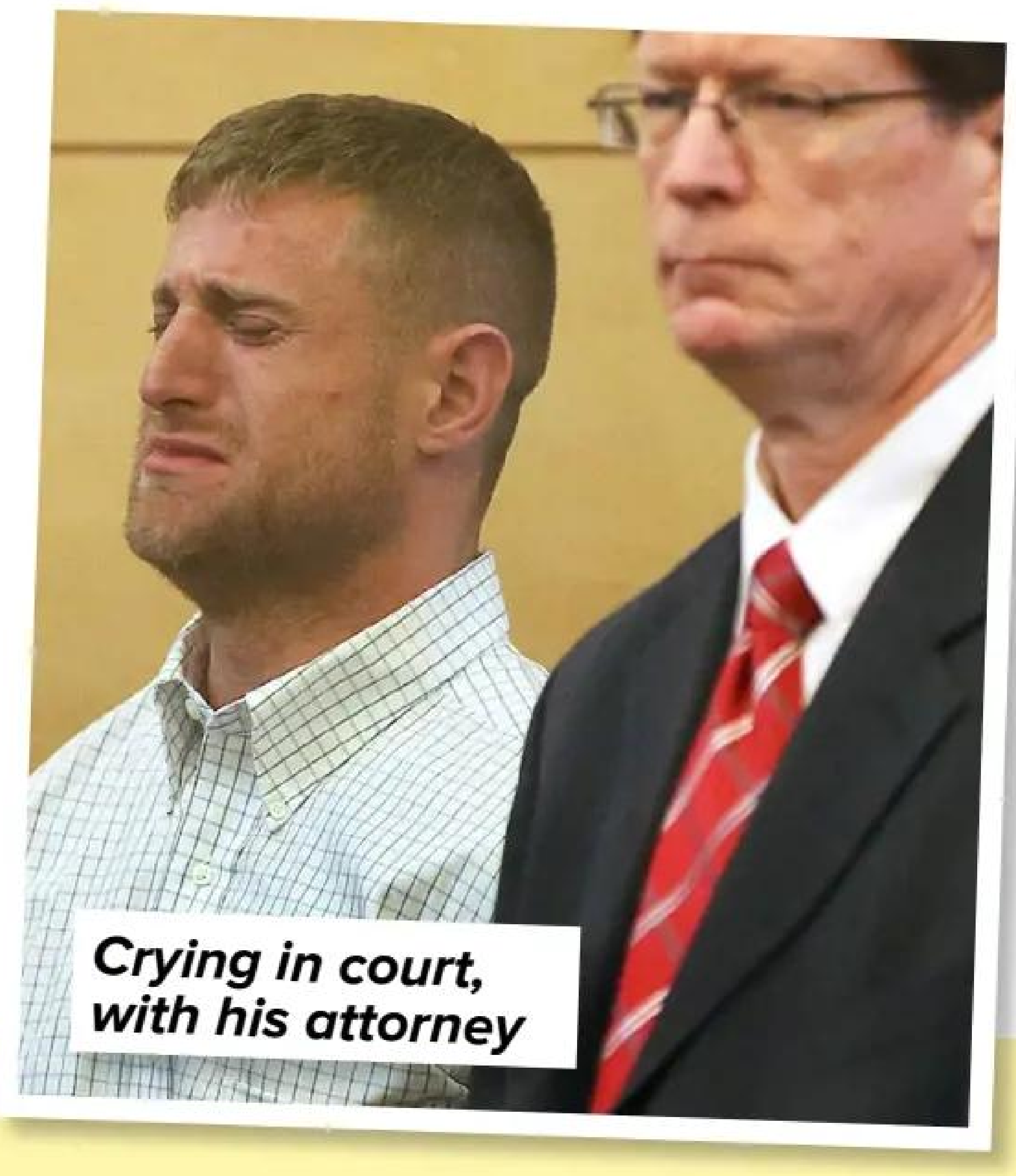
Then Vanessa's wedding ring had vanished. She'd claimed on insurance, buying a replacement. The new ring went missing, too. Andrew pawned his own wedding ring for $120 (around £90).

Far from a loving newlywed, the prosecution said Andrew was a selfish drug addict, willing to steal from his wife and pawn sentimental jewellery in order to fund his habit.

No speck of DNA

The prosecution said he'd left Vanessa dead and taken their little girl out in the car for hours. He drove her to his friend's house and completed some carpentry work.

On the way there, Andrew had texted Vanessa. The prosecution alleged he was trying to create the appearance he had no idea Vanessa was lying dead.



Crying in court, with his attorney

Then the police found out Andrew had made another stop before he went home to the bloody scene.

His dealer's home, where he spent $100 (around £80) on cocaine.

Andrew MacCormack insisted that the police and prosecution were wrong.

He wept in court as he re-lived the day that he'd found his wife dead.

Investigators noted they could find no speck of Vanessa's DNA on him.

Public defence attorney John Hayes argued that his client could not have carried out the vicious attack.

He said Andrew had no wounds 'consistent with a brutal assault against a healthy woman' who worked out daily and who would have been 'able to fight back'.

Andrew now admitted to investigators he'd struggled with substance abuse, but claimed he'd been clean for six years.

And he denied having any ongoing marital issues.

But a drug dealer told investigators that Andrew MacCormack spent up to $500 a week (around £400) on drugs.

Further investigations showed that, not long before she died, Vanessa had told Andrew that he'd 'ruined their lives'.

I hate you so much, Vanessa had texted. *You've ruined our daughter's life because she won't have her parents together.*

So now the jury had to decide.

Was Vanessa a victim of domestic violence, killed by a man who prioritised his drug habit over his wife and child?

Or was her tragic death at the hands of an unknown killer a mystery?

Guilty or not? Find out on p92

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Payback...f

The killer seemed obvious but was there a twist?

Happy couple Lina and Richard

On 5 May 2017, a former concierge at a luxury block of flats in South Boston, USA, entered the building where he'd once worked.

His name was Bampumim Teixeira, 32.

On the 11th floor, in the penthouse suite, lived Colombian Lina Bolanos, 38, and her British partner Richard Field, 49.

And that's where Teixeira was heading.

Both doctors and anaesthesiologists, Richard and Lina were a happy and hardworking couple, described as 'dedicating their lives to caring for others'.

Lina arrived home first, at around 5pm, followed by Richard at 6.30pm.

Over the next few hours, five phone calls were made from their apartment to the emergency services. Four times, they hung up or the call was disconnected.

The fifth and final time, the line was silent.

Desperate messages

Meanwhile, across town, the couple's friend Matthias Heidenreich received a text message from Richard.

Gun man. In house, it read.

Serious, another said.

Matthias replied, but when he didn't hear back he called the front desk of the couple's building.

As the current concierge called the police, Matthias and his girlfriend jumped into a

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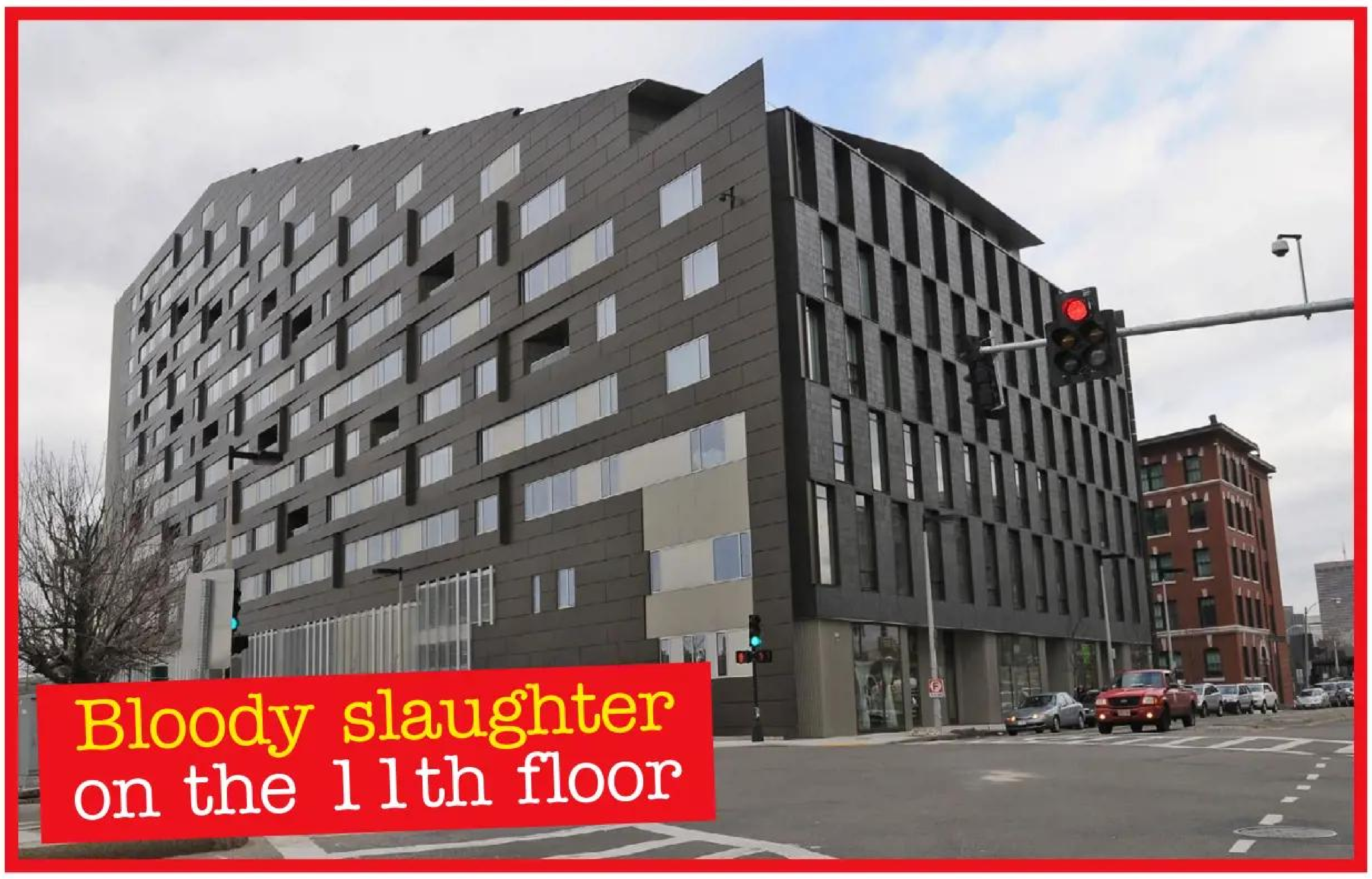

Bloody slaughter on the 11th floor

taxi and headed to check on their friends.

But on arrival, they found the building had been cordoned off by police.

Then they heard some gunshots.

Inside the building, authorities found Lina's keys strewn on the floor outside her front door.

Bampumim Teixeira was found inside the apartment.

As he tried to flee, he was shot three times by the police, in the leg, the arm, then in the abdomen.

While he was arrested and taken to hospital, officers found the full horror of what lay inside.

A terrible discovery

Lina and Richard had been stabbed to death.

On her neck, Lina had 24 sharp-force injuries, while Richard lay in a pool of blood, his hands cuffed behind his back.

Near the bodies lay knives and a backpack containing jewellery and replica firearms.

And there were messages scrawled across the walls.

Payback, one said.

Photos of the victims adorning a wall had been vandalised, Richard's face scribbled over.

From his hospital bed, Teixeira was charged with two counts of first-degree murder, kidnapping, armed robbery, and home invasion.

But as he lay with his eyes closed, his lawyer stated a surprising plea.

Not guilty.

More than two years later, in December 2019, Teixeira stood before a judge and jury at Suffolk County Superior Court.

In a bombshell that rocked the court, lawyer Steven Sack told the court that Teixeira and Lina had been having an affair.

He argued that Lina had let him into the penthouse on the day of the killings, he hadn't broken in.

There was also an hour and a half between Lina and Richard arriving home.

'No video, no audio, no scientific evidence, no credible evidence will tell you that Bampumim Teixeira broke into the home of Lina Bolanos and Richard Field and murdered them,' he said.

'And that's because he didn't.'

Sack said that while Teixeira and Lina were together, Richard had walked in and caught them in the act.

Self-defence?

In a fit of rage, blinded by jealousy, Richard killed his fiancee, leaving Teixeira no choice but to attack Richard to save his own life.

'Sometimes, the truth is the hardest thing to believe,' Sack added.

He alleged that Teixeira was fearing for his life when he stabbed Richard.

'It was an act of self-defence,' he argued.

But prosecuting lawyer John Pappas called the claim 'utterly absurd'.

He argued that there was no obvious motive behind the murders of the doctors.

Lina's mother, Ana Vergara, described her future son-in-law as 'the love of her daughter's life'.

The prosecution argued that Teixeira used his knowledge of the building to plan the murders.

He'd allegedly broken in, armed, just before 4pm, through a garage and up an unlocked staircase.

They said Teixeira had murdered Lina and Richard in a cold-blooded killing, slaughtered the happy couple a year before they were due to wed.

But why would Teixeira target the pair, and make the effort to climb to the 11th floor?

And why was *Payback* scrawled on the wall.

Only the three of them knew what truly happened that day. And Teixeira was the only one alive to tell the story.

His hands cuffed behind his back, Teixeira was guarded by three officers as he listened to the verdict...

On trial: Teixeira

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He said, she

Was a mum rescued from the Taliban, only to be kept prisoner in her own bedroom?

Caitlan had four children while a hostage

It would seem a risky decision for any civilian to trek into Taliban-controlled territory in Afghanistan.

But for Caitlan Coleman, 33, it was even more dangerous. She was seven months pregnant with her first child.

Yet, despite telling friends they'd only travel to 'safe countries' during their six-month trip around Central Asia, Caitlan and her new husband Joshua Boyle crossed the border in 2012 into lands blighted by conflict.

Joshua styled himself as a 'pilgrim' on a mission to help Afghan civilians.

However, their good intentions backfired when the couple – while backpacking in Taliban-controlled regions – were kidnapped by a Taliban-linked insurgent group in a mountainous region outside Kabul.

The couple were described as 'naive' by their friends.

It was a year before their families knew they'd been kidnapped, when a video was emailed to Caitlan's relatives by a man believed to have Taliban ties.

Dangerous mission

Launching a campaign, the couple's friends and family lobbied the Government to secure their release.

But it took until October 2017 before Pakistani troops carried out a dangerous mission, extracting the hostages from a militant camp.

But it wasn't just the couple they rescued.

Caitlan had given birth to her first child – a son –

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The Ottowa Courthouse where Boyle faced charges

said

while in captivity and the pair had gone on to have another two children while being held hostage.

They said they had a fourth child – a daughter – who was killed by their captors.

Returning to Ontario, Canada, where Joshua grew up, the couple gave interviews to the Press, stating they were adapting to being home, happy to be safe once again.

Harrowing details of their five-year ordeal emerged.

During captivity, they claimed they were often separated, beaten and Caitlan was raped.

They said they were shuffled between different locations, often held in rooms no bigger than a toilet stall.

Despite this, Joshua claimed they were able to attempt to home-school their children using any scraps of material they were able to get hold of.

Their time in captivity was finally over, but their story didn't end there...

In December 2017, Joshua Boyle was arrested and faced 19 charges, including assault, sexual assault and forcible confinement.

And the charges were for crimes against his own wife Caitlan Coleman.

Joshua pleaded not guilty to all the charges and the case came to court in March 2019.

Caitlan testified to the court via video link that, during their captivity in Afghanistan, Joshua became violent towards her.

She alleged he choked, punched and slapped her, and threatened to kill her in front of their children.

After the couple returned to Canada, Caitlan said the abuse subsided for a short period before again escalating.

She said Joshua became more controlling, dictating how she should act, both with family and the media when being interviewed about their time as hostages.

Husband Joshua 'Not easy to like'

Assault claims

Telling the court that Joshua limited her access to funds, Caitlan submitted a hand-written note displaying rules he'd given her.

Joshua insisted she refer to him as 'Sir', made her lose a certain amount of weight each week and exercise each day, and sexually assaulted her.

According to her testimony, Joshua had confined Caitlan to her bedroom one December evening.

Panicking, she took her children's passports and cash, and as she had no shoes and the weather was freezing, pulled on several pairs of socks before running to a neighbour's house.

When they didn't answer, she ran to a nearby pizza restaurant and used its phone to call her mother.

She took a taxi to meet her and, shortly after, the police arrived.

Meanwhile, Joshua stated that he noticed his wife had left without a coat and, worried, called the police himself – only to be arrested shortly after Caitlan gave her version of events.

Joshua denied all Caitlan's claims.

He admitted to striking his wife several times, but he said it was in response to her 'asking to be spanked'.

He said he never restricted the family's finances.

'Joshua Boyle is many things,' said his lawyer Lawrence Greenspon. 'He's not easy to like. He's not conventional by any means – but he is a person who tells the truth – even if it is to his own disadvantage.'

Judge to rule

Greenspon told the court that there were no independent eyewitnesses to the alleged incidents and no physical evidence.

'Ms Coleman's evidence is neither credible nor reliable,' he said.

He added that she may have concocted the allegations in order to gain sole custody of the four children – who had been living with her in the US, since her husband's arrest.

Should the judge believe Caitlan's accusations of abuse – or Joshua Boyle's claims that the allegations were a ruse to gain custody?

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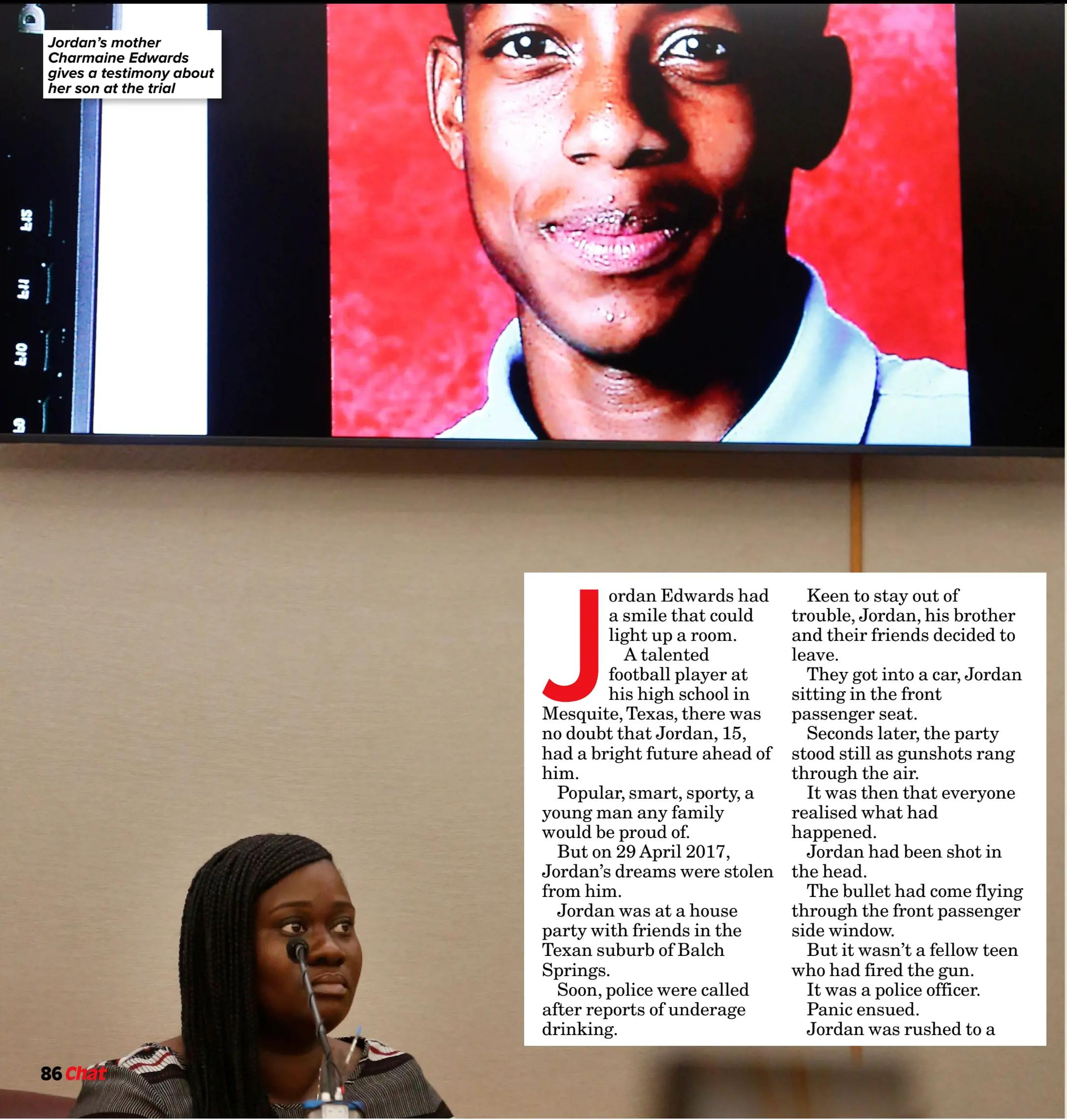
The fateful

A tragic shooting...and, for many, it was political



Jordan's mother Charmaine Edwards gives a testimony about her son at the trial

Jordan Edwards had a smile that could light up a room.

A talented football player at his high school in Mesquite, Texas, there was no doubt that Jordan, 15, had a bright future ahead of him.

Popular, smart, sporty, a young man any family would be proud of.

But on 29 April 2017, Jordan's dreams were stolen from him.

Jordan was at a house party with friends in the Texan suburb of Balch Springs.

Soon, police were called after reports of underage drinking.

Keen to stay out of trouble, Jordan, his brother and their friends decided to leave.

They got into a car, Jordan sitting in the front passenger seat.

Seconds later, the party stood still as gunshots rang through the air.

It was then that everyone realised what had happened.

Jordan had been shot in the head.

The bullet had come flying through the front passenger side window.

But it wasn't a fellow teen who had fired the gun.

It was a police officer.

Panic ensued.

Jordan was rushed to a

bullet

Roy Oliver
The police officer

local hospital, but he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Just 15 years old.

The next day, the Balch Springs police department put out a statement.

They said their officer Roy Oliver fired shots into the car that Jordan was in.

Oliver had told his bosses that the car was moving aggressively towards officers.

Revealing footage

He said he was trying to protect himself and his police partner.

But when bosses checked body-cam footage later that day, they realised Oliver was lying.

The car Jordan was travelling in was not driving towards police.

It was driving away from them.

Oliver was fired from his job and police launched an investigation.

Soon, Oliver was arrested and charged with Jordan's murder.

There were no weapons, alcohol or drugs found in the car or at the house party Jordan and his friends were leaving that night.

It was apparent that Jordan was an unarmed victim shot dead by a police officer.

The tragic death reignited a national conversation about race and police brutality in the US.

Black Lives Matter campaigners thought it was unlikely that Jordan's family would ever see justice served.

After all, how many white police officers had walked free after killing unarmed black males?

'The consistent rage I feel in response to black folks dying prematurely is debilitating,' tweeted Patrisse Cullors, a leading force behind the Black Lives Matter movement.

For many, Jordan's death was political.

While detectives collected evidence about what happened that night, a town grieved for a life lost too soon.

On the day of Jordan's funeral, Roy Oliver was freed on bail.

Hours later, a white hearse carried Jordan's body from a Baptist church to the cemetery.

His football teammates attended the burial service wearing their white and maroon football kits.

Jordan's untimely death was felt by so many.

The pastor at Jordan's church said the teen was a light in the church, whose smile brightened up the building when he walked in.

Jordan's family and friends needed answers.

They deserved justice.

In August 2018, Roy Oliver appeared at Parker County Jail charged with Jordan's murder.

In court, Oliver testified that when he arrived at the house party that night, he heard gunshots.

He said he believed there was a shooter at the house.

He told the court how he went outside and saw the car carrying the teenagers.

It was then he fired the fatal shots, one of which killed Jordan Edwards.

But Jordan and his friends were unarmed.

Partner's testimony

The gunshots turned out to have been fired near a nursing home in the area.

Oliver told the court that he fired at the car after seeing it move towards his partner, officer Tyler Gross.

He said he thought that Gross' life was in danger.

But soon after, Gross himself took to the stand.

He testified that he did not fear for his life and didn't feel the need to fire his own weapon.

Reports indicated Oliver had a history of overly aggressive behaviour.

There were also reports of his white supremacist tendencies.

But Oliver's defence lawyers argued that he had 'reacted properly' and made a split-second decision to protect his partner.

Attorney Bob Gill told jurors there was no question that Jordan was 'an exceptional kid'.

But he said on the night of the deadly encounter, 'Roy Oliver did not know'.

'Roy was reacting to a threat,' Gill said, urging jurors hearing the case to look at the totality of the circumstances when coming to their decision.

He said that the evidence showed 'all of this happened in a split second'.

But were Gill's words enough to convince the jury Oliver's actions that night were justified?

Would the police officer walk free after shooting an unarmed teenager?

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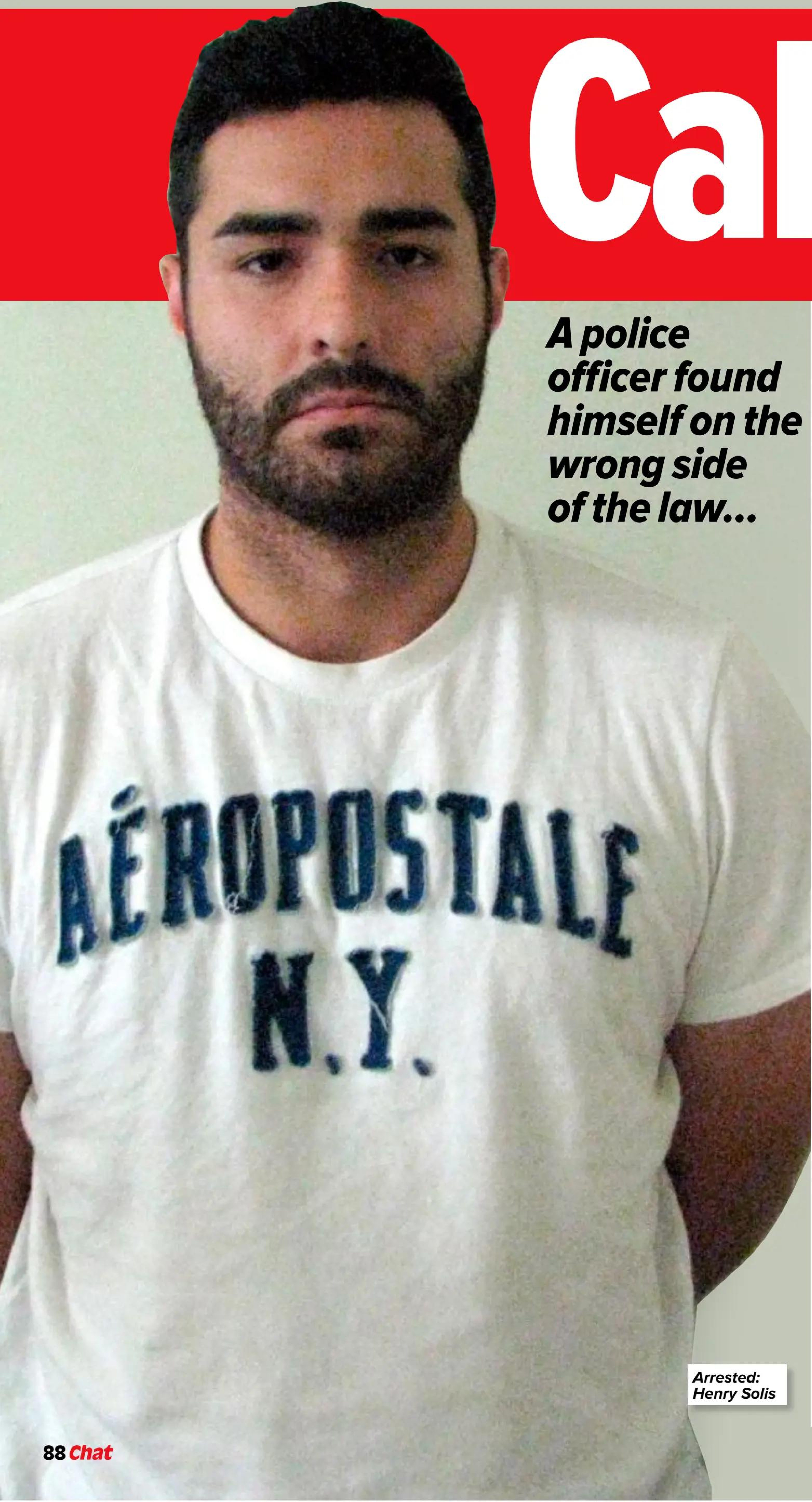


A police officer found himself on the wrong side of the law...

When police officer and ex-Marine Henry Solis, then 27, walked into a bar in Pomona, southern California, the events that would unfold over the next few hours would drastically change his life.

Sadly, they were also going to end the life of another man – Salome Rodriguez Jr, 23.

It was 13 March 2015, and the two men were strangers, yet their destinies would soon be forever intertwined.

Solis was off duty at the time, enjoying a drink with friends, when truck driver Rodriguez allegedly approached him in the toilet.

Rodriguez had been at a nearby club, also with friends, to see a dancer with whom he was infatuated.

He'd slipped away in the early hours of the morning for a drink in the bar down the road.

Struck from behind

In the toilet, Rodriguez struck Officer Solis from behind, knocked him to the ground and took his money, as well as one of his guns.

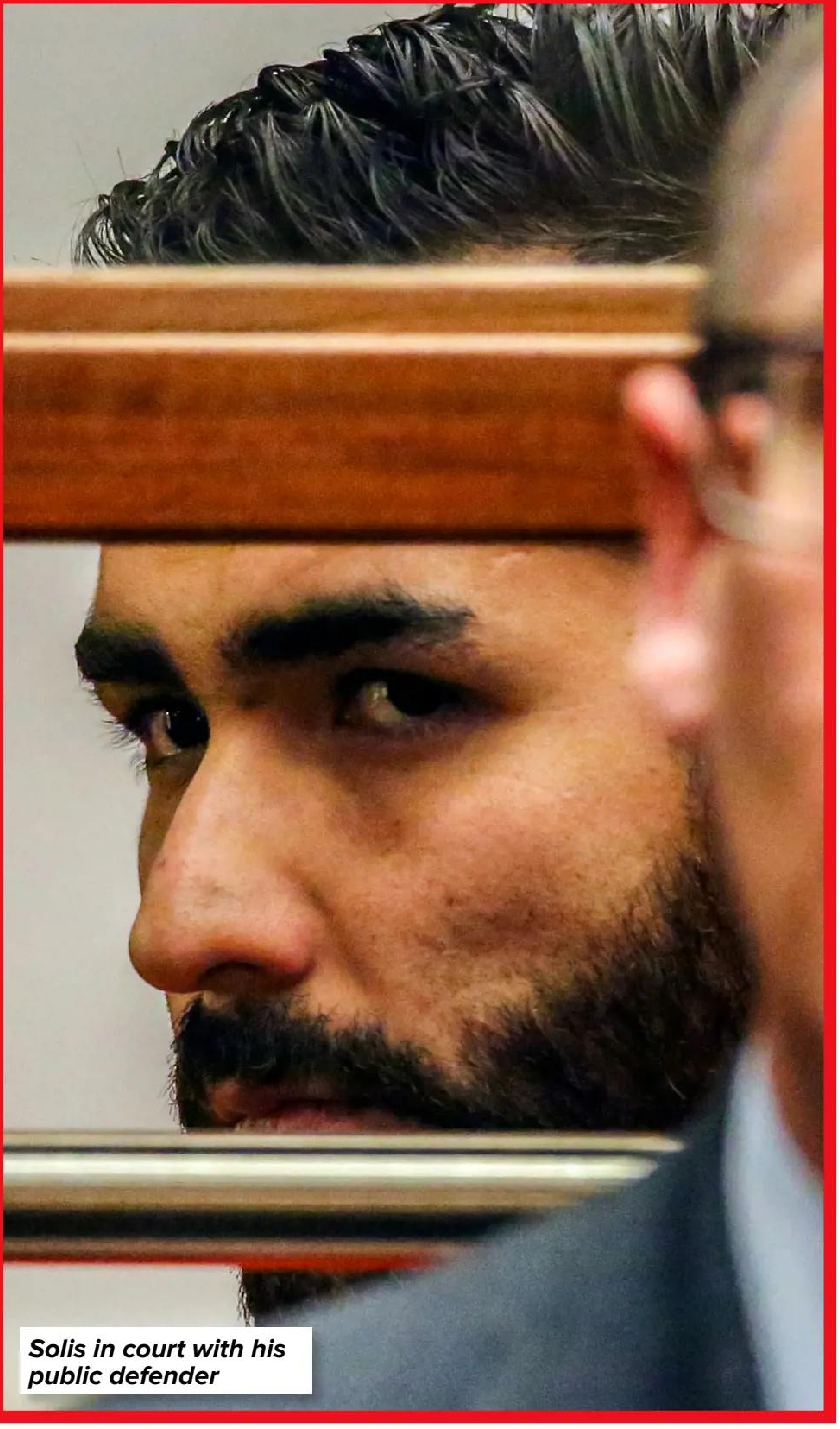
But rather than call his colleagues at the police station, Solis took matters into his own hands.

Security cameras on the street outside showed Solis following Rodriguez out of the bar, approaching him and pushing him several times.

The pair disappeared from view while arguing,

Arrested: Henry Solis

duty?


Solis in court with his public defender

with Henry Solis following his attacker.

Next, a gun was heard firing out of sight of the camera. Solis was seen running from the scene, leaving Rodriguez' body on the ground.

But, rather than hand himself in, Solis called his housemate, distraught.

Hiding away

'I'm going to kill myself, I killed somebody!' he choked down the phone.

The next morning, Solis didn't turn up for work. Instead, he got his dad Victor Solis, then 53, to drive him to El Paso in Texas.

The father and son were later caught on a surveillance video, walking across a pedestrian-bridge crossing on the Mexican border to Ciudad Juarez.

Solis decided to stay with relatives, hiding away.

He grew a beard, stayed indoors and avoided using mobile phones or social media. Family helped move him from house to house.

But by now, the FBI was out to find him and was offering a $25,000 (around £20,000) reward for information on his whereabouts.

A huge manhunt was launched to catch him and, two months later in May 2015, the police finally caught up with him.

Charged with murder, Solis claimed he had been acting in self-defence. He said that, frightened for his life, he'd hit out at Rodriguez, scared he'd be attacked again.

But the police believed he'd killed the truck driver in anger, wanting revenge.

Besides, he was off-duty at the time. Yet Solis insisted he was never off-duty and had even flashed his police ID in the bar that night.

In custody

While his case was waiting to go to trial, his father Victor Solis was convicted by a federal jury in El Paso of lying to the FBI about helping his son escape.

He was sentenced to three years on probation and fined $1,000 (around £800).

Henry Solis remained in custody.

'Solis has access to family members who have proven they are willing to violate the law to harbour him from justice, so the bail must be high enough to ensure Solis will return to court,' said the prosecutors.

It took another five years before Henry Solis' case was heard in court and for him to learn his fate.

In January 2020, his trial began at the Los Angeles County District Court.

'Henry Solis is a good person. He spent years serving the country honourably and would have made a terrific officer, unfortunately, this event occurred and derailed his plans,' said his defence lawyer Bradley Brunon.

Brunon claimed the former Marine, who had extensive weapon training and had served in Iraq, had 'never been in trouble a day in his life'.

But questions were raised about why Solis didn't call for help after the alleged attack in the toilets.

And, crucially, why did he later flee the scene and go on the run?

Surely those were not the actions of an innocent man?

Brunon insisted that the police officer, who had only been in the force for nine months, simply panicked and 'ran away'.

'It was the biggest mistake he's ever made in his life, but it doesn't prove that he should be found guilty of murder,' he added.

Argument

Meanwhile, Deputy District Attorney Deann Rivard, prosecuting, said it was reasonable to assume that Solis had been acting in response to some kind of argument, and questioned whether he had been assaulted and robbed at all.

'Nobody in this courtroom wants to believe that a police officer, sworn to uphold the laws, would kill somebody for a stupid reason, for some reason, a slight, whatever it is,' said Rivard.

Yet he insisted it was reasonable to assume that's exactly what had happened.

The jury would now have to make a decision...

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Three futures stolen

The driver made a terrible choice – but did that make her a murderer?

This was meant to be the holiday of a lifetime.

Four teenage school friends, two of them heading off to university in just a few months, were enjoying the school break together.

Pals from Nevada, Dylan Mack, 18, Brooke Hawley, 17, Albert 'AJ' Rossi, 17, and Alexis Vargas, 17, had booked hotel rooms in California, the neighbouring state, over the Easter holidays.

Spring break had started – the holiday on every American teen's calendar.

So many fun plans for the days ahead.

Parties and shopping in the huge malls.

The teens had met at school, their friendship blossoming in class.

AJ was the son of a disabled Vietnam war veteran. He'd just won the 'Best Smile' award during his last year at school.

Brooke was an athlete, a gifted football player.

Her older sister Ashlee had joined the group on their holiday.

And on the night of 28 March 2018, Ashlee made a decision to stay in.

A fateful decision.

It was around 1am the following morning when the group of four friends were travelling in their Toyota Corolla in Huntington Beach, California.

A red light ahead, they came to a halt.

Meanwhile, 27-year-old Bani Duarte, a mother-of-four, was on her way home after a night out drinking with friends.

Sitting behind the wheel of her Hyundai Sonata, she approached the same red light.

Only, she didn't stop.

Burst into flames

Driving at nearly 80mph in a 45mph area, Duarte was speeding.

And rather than stopping, she smashed into the back of the Toyota.

Shocked passers-by watched as the car was pushed across the junction.

Nine drinks before getting behind the wheel

Within seconds, the vehicle hurled into a pole and burst into flames.

Only Alexis managed to escape alive.

Dylan, Brooke and AJ were all killed.

Their once-promising futures cut short.

Alexis suffered severe burns and concussion.

When Bani Duarte was questioned, she was so drunk she didn't know where she was or what had happened.

'Did someone just die?' she asked police.

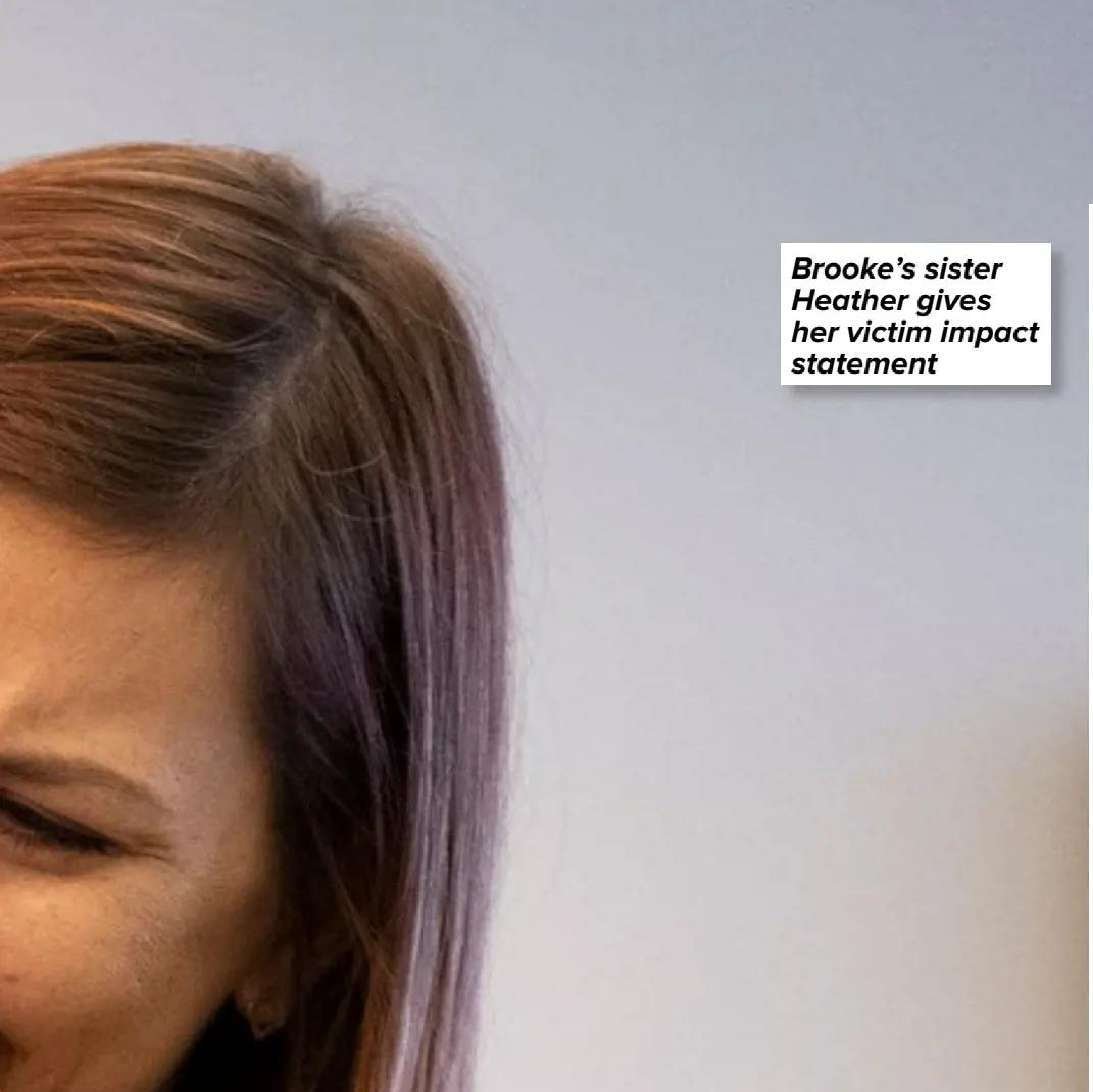
She thought she was travelling south.

In fact, she'd been going in the opposite direction.

Tested more than an hour after the crash, police found her blood alcohol level was more than three times over the legal limit.

She'd reportedly had nine drinks before getting behind the wheel. Didn't brake before the accident.

Duarte was released on



Brooke's sister Heather gives her victim impact statement

Brooke's mother shows pictures of her daughter in court

$100,000 bail (around £75,000).

The local community was in uproar. And when police were tipped off that Duarte planned to leave the country, she was detained again.

Bail was set for $4million (just over £3million).

Her lawyers argued against it.

She was a mother to four children, all under 10. And she shared custody of them with their father.

She needed to be around for them.

But the appeal was rejected. Duarte would stay in custody until the trial.

Soon, she was charged with three counts of second-degree murder, one count of driving under the influence.

Meanwhile, the victims' friends and family were deep in mourning.

Brooke's sister Ashlee, who'd decided to stay in that night, spoke of her guilt.

She said, 'Knowing that my sister was brutally murdered while I slept soundly will forever haunt me.'

A GoFundMe page set up by well-wisher Ben Leavitt, to raise money for the funerals, described AJ as the 'centre of attention'.

'His smile lit up every single room that he walked into,' he said.

Refused a lift

Pleading not guilty, Bani Duarte appeared in court in September 2019, ready to face judge and jury.

In court, the prosecution played a phone call made to emergency services by a man called Alex Martinez.

Alex and his two friends saw Duarte's car hit the pavement a few moments before the collision.

They offered her a lift home, but she refused, getting back in her car. So they called the police.

Driving at high speed, she then crashed into the car waiting at the traffic light.

'She decided she didn't want to take [a cab] after a night of drinking,' said lawyer Daniel Feldman.

Then the prosecution revealed that she'd already been arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol in 2016.

She'd been there before. Knew what she was doing was wrong, dangerous. Kept driving anyway…

But the defence fought back against it all.

Defence lawyer Justin Glenn didn't dispute the fact that Duarte had been drinking.

Or that she was driving the car that night.

He didn't try to argue against the fact that three teens, who were all innocent, died because of the crash.

He told the jury to imagine being in Duarte's shoes.

Threatened?

Maybe she'd been scared off by the three young men who'd offered her a lift home.

She felt threatened, Glenn said.

'These three guys who just tried to get her in their car now won't leave,' he said.

Then he said the arrest in 2016, when Duarte was stopped by police and found to be driving under the influence of alcohol, didn't count.

It couldn't.

Yes, she'd been disqualified from driving for a year, her car had been impounded, she'd been taken to jail.

But for technical reasons, it couldn't be counted in court. Couldn't be used against her.

And was what she'd done now really murder?

Her defence argued that proving Bani had committed murder would be very difficult.

The jury deliberated for barely an hour before reaching their verdict…

Bani Duarte in court

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MacCormack: shock at verdict

On 18 November 2019, Andrew MacCormack, 31, was found guilty of the first-degree murder of his wife.

After the verdict was delivered, Vanessa's heartbroken sister Angela told of the gaping hole left by her sister's death.

She said that Vanessa's three-year-old daughter asks her to drive her to heaven, so she can visit her mother, who 'lives in the clouds'.

'She will never laugh as hard as we did at Vanessa's jokes and sense of humour,' Angela said.

Soon after, Andrew MacCormack was sentenced to life without parole, but even after the jury returned its verdict, he still protested his innocence.

'There is someone out there getting away with murder,' MacCormack insisted.

His lawyer told the court of Andrew MacCormack's plans to appeal his conviction for murder.

Victim impact statement: Angela

Teixeira: life without parole

The jury of nine women and three men deliberated for eight hours over two days.

Finally, Bampumim Teixeira was found guilty of the first-degree murders of Lina Bolanos and Richard Field, as well as kidnap, armed robbery and home invasion.

And as the judge Mitchell Kaplan made his closing statement, his shock was clear.

'Quite frankly, in this case, I don't have any words for closure,' he said.

In December 2019, Teixeira, 33, was handed two consecutive life sentences, without the chance of parole.

Lina's mother Ana spoke through an interpreter after the sentencing.

'She loved Richard very much and he loved her. They were a gorgeous couple,' she said. 'He was the love of her life and they will love each other forever in heaven.'

Outside court, she added, 'I know I will never get to see my daughter again or Richard, but that monster will not destroy any more families.'

'A gorgeous couple'

Boyle now seeks custody of his children

On the 19 December 2019, Ontario Court Judge Peter Doody dismissed all charges against Joshua Boyle, saying he believed neither party was telling the truth.

'I do not believe Mr Boyle's denials that he did not do these things, nor can I accept Ms Coleman's unconfirmed evidence,' he said.

The judge said Boyle's testimony was not credible, but that the contradictions in his wife's testimony also meant her own story was flawed.

The judge voiced concerns over Caitlan's reliability as a witness, as she was suffering from post traumatic stress disorder and had testified that she had blackouts and 'fits' of anxiety.

'Today is the first step towards getting access and hopefully, some day, custody of his children. That has always been his priority,' Boyle's lawyer said. 'Today was a necessary first step in that direction.'

Caitlan's lawyer Ian Carter said she was 'devastated'.

'She needs some time to process what was said today and try and move on with her life,' he added.

Caitlan: devastated by verdict

Oliver has launched an appeal

After more than 13 hours of deliberation, the jury found Roy Oliver guilty of the murder of Jordan Edwards.

As the guilty verdict was announced, Jordan's family cried and hugged prosecutors.

Jordan's father, Odell Edwards, said he was 'very happy…it's been a long time, hard year'.

The lawyer for the Edwards family, Daryl Washington, said the verdict was significant for 'every African-American' who was killed by police and who has 'not gotten justice'.

'This case is not just about Jordan. It's about Tamir Rice. It's about Walter Scott. It's about Alton Sterling,' he said, referencing three other black men or boys killed by police in the US.

Soon afterwards, Oliver was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

It means he could be eligible for parole after half that time – just seven and a half years.

In April 2019, Roy Oliver launched an appeal against his conviction. But in August 2020 the Texas appeals court upheld the conviction.

'This case is not just about Jordan…'

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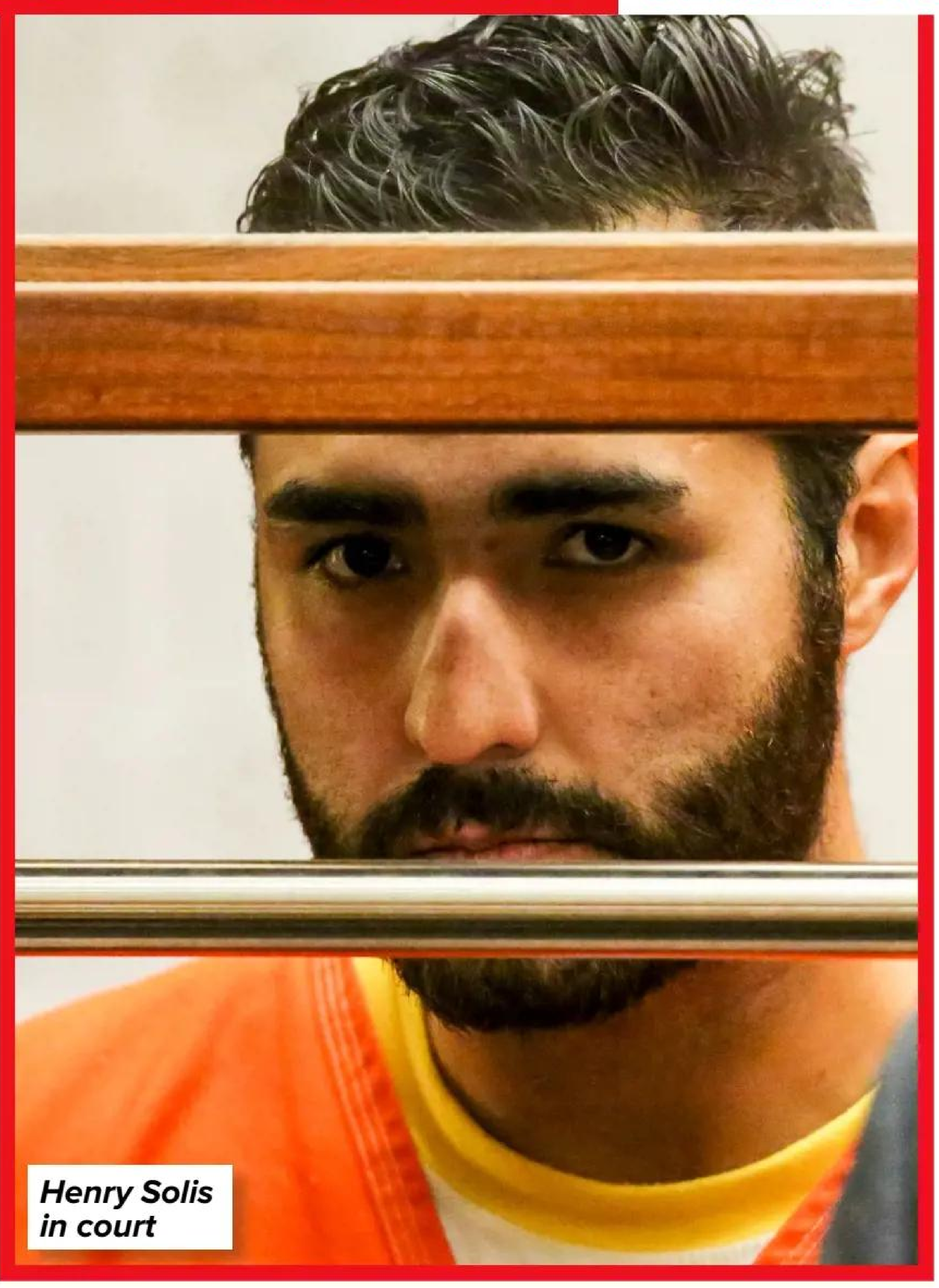

Henry Solis in court

On 5 February 2020, a jury of seven men and five women found Henry Solis, 32, guilty of second-degree murder. He was sentenced to 40 years to life in prison.

Rodriguez' family members could be heard crying from the public gallery.

His mother Lidia Rodriguez later told reporters outside court that she was happy with the outcome, although she believed that it should have been first-degree murder.

'You teach your kids that police are the people that protect and serve, so I was surprised a cop could shoot my son,' she said.

However, Solis and his defence lawyer still insisted that he didn't deserve the hefty sentence he was given.

'Forty to life is a big jolt for anybody, particularly somebody who's never had a misdeed in his life,' Brunon told reporters afterwards.

Grieving dad, Salome Rodriguez Sr

Duarte hears the families' testimonies

Bani Duarte was found guilty of three counts of second-degree murder and one count of driving under the influence of alcohol causing injury.

In February 2020 she was sentenced to 51 years to life behind bars.

Addressing the victims' families in court, Duarte said, 'I understand you hate me, wish I was dead. You want me to suffer. I just want to say that I'm truly sorry and maybe one day you will forgive me.'

But at the hearing, Dylan's mother Renee held up a tiny urn containing her son's ashes.

'This is all we have left of him,' she said.

And, Brooke's father Aaron said the trial wasn't about Duarte. 'It's about three young adults doing nothing wrong and [who] paid the ultimate price because one irresponsible person decided they were more important than anybody else on the face of the Earth.'

Renee with Dylan's urn

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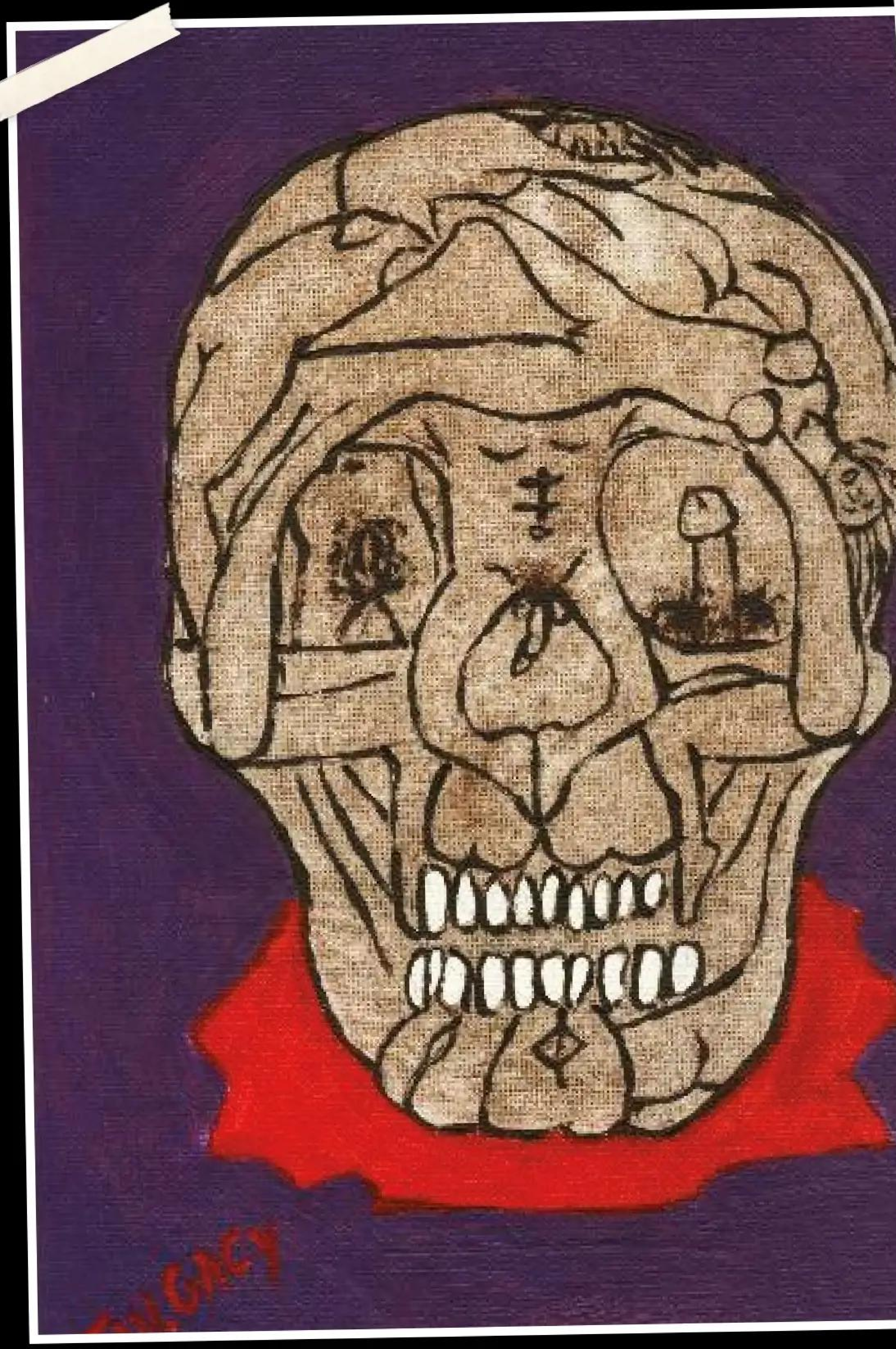

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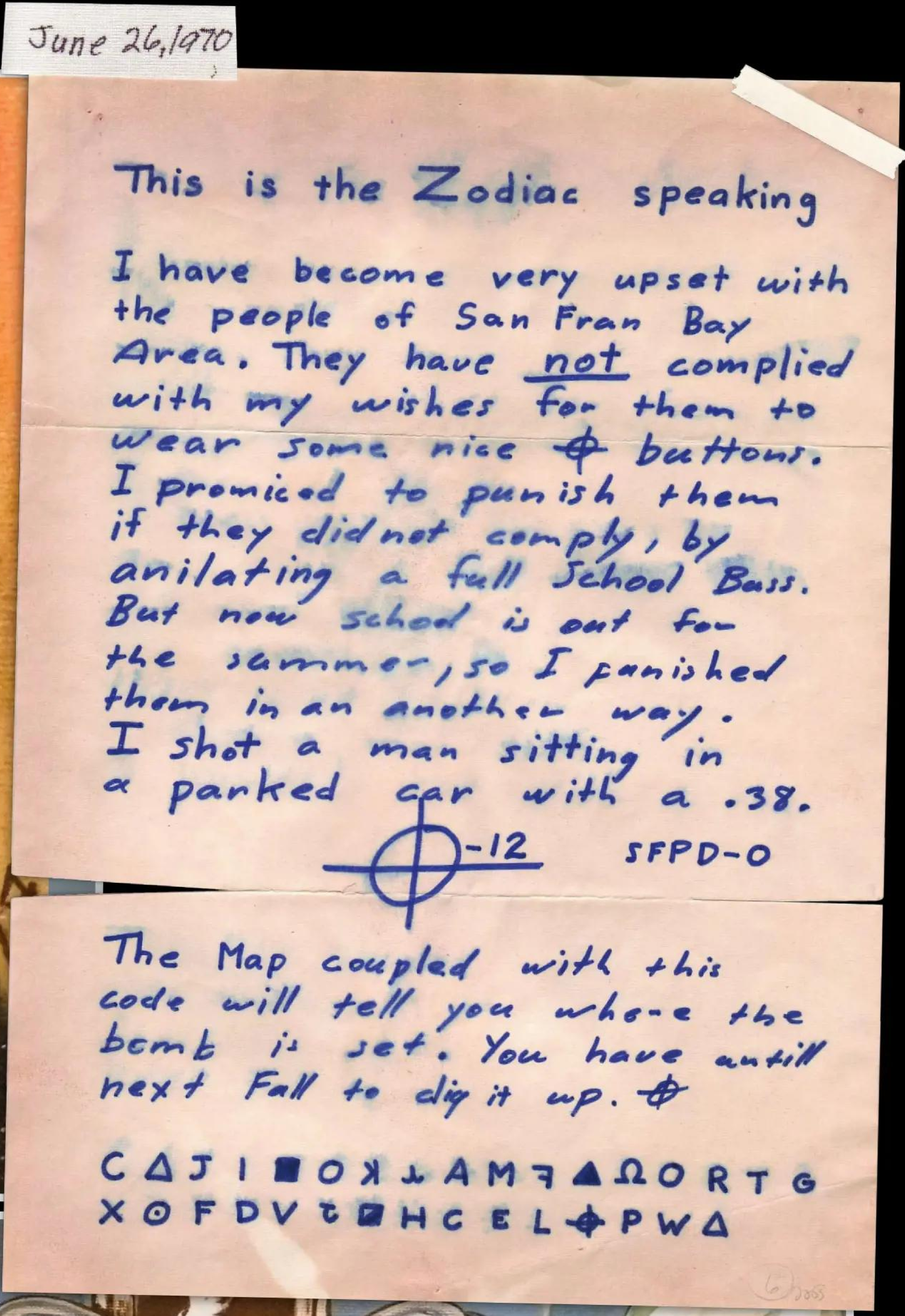

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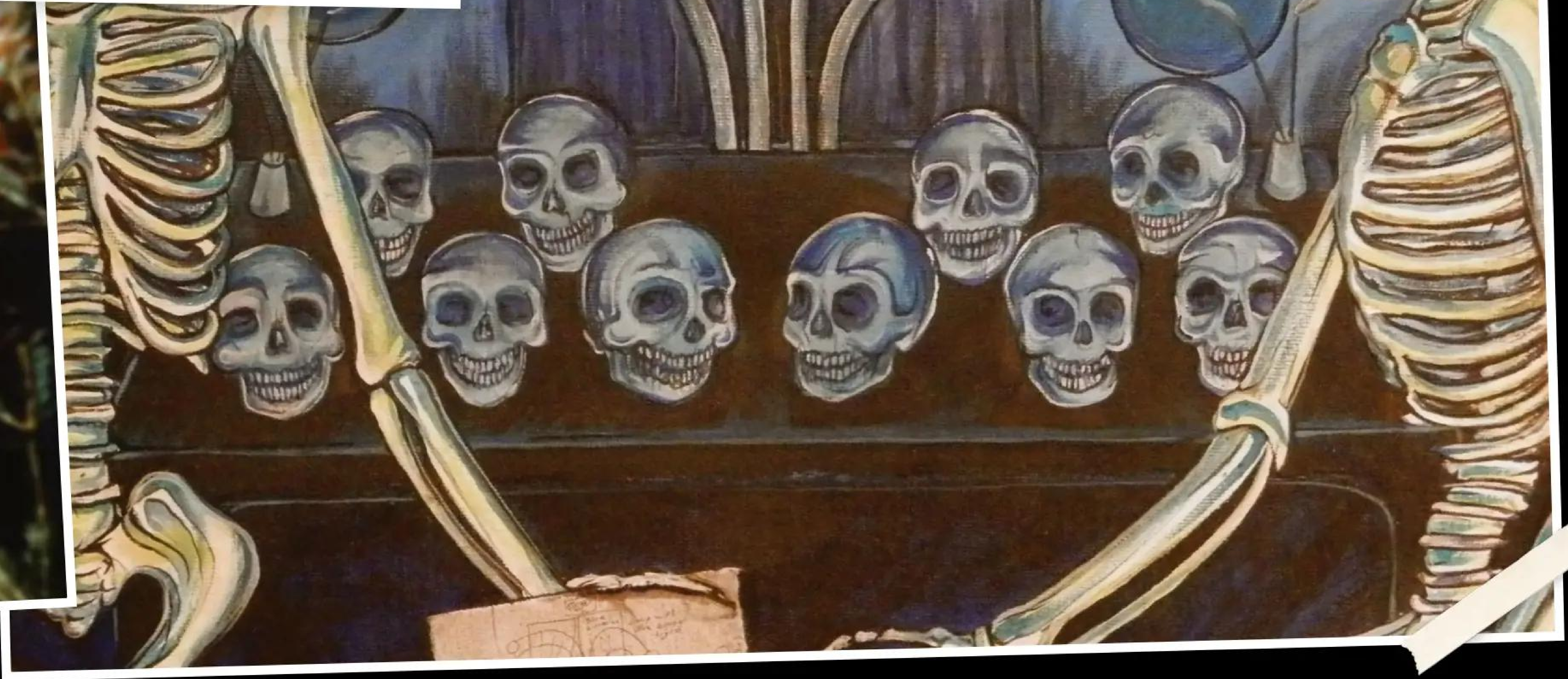

"I WOULD KILL FOR ONE OF THOSE"

From the archives of REAL CRIME magazine

Inside the dark world of serial killer collectibles

Charles Manson, John Wayne Gacy, Richard Ramirez – in the world of serial killer collectibles, these names inspire a horrendous and repulsive fascination, proving once again that the more heinous the crime, the bigger the audience. It's called murderabilia and a whole culture has developed around the collection of objects associated with these horrific killers. It's a cottage industry that caters to the fans' basest desires and provides a kind of celebrity status for the vicious and brutal psychopaths as they await execution on death row.

Websites with names like murderauction.com, serialkillersink.net and supernaught.com act as distribution houses of the macabre, with vast and ever evolving catalogs of the disturbing memorabilia including letters, artwork and even the clothes of the notorious and sickening murderers. The industry has developed into a viable one with certain items going for upward of $20,000; a whole subset of the true crime genre creating an economy unto itself. Welcome to the terror dome. Welcome to the world of muderabilia.

"Everybody has an interest in true crime, whether he/she wants to admit it or not," Andrew Dodge, a Burlington, Washington native who runs truecimeauctionhouse.com, which most recently had a letter from South Carolina church killer Dylann Roof on sale for $1,000, summarises. "Being able to go deeper into that interest – by being able to learn more about a certain infamous criminal – is where the fascination lies itself. Being able to correspond with these people, speak to them first hand, own artwork or items from them, brings an entirely new side their stories. The fascination with collecting itself is just the purely macabre interest, that one can own something that belonged to this ruthless, sadistic killer."

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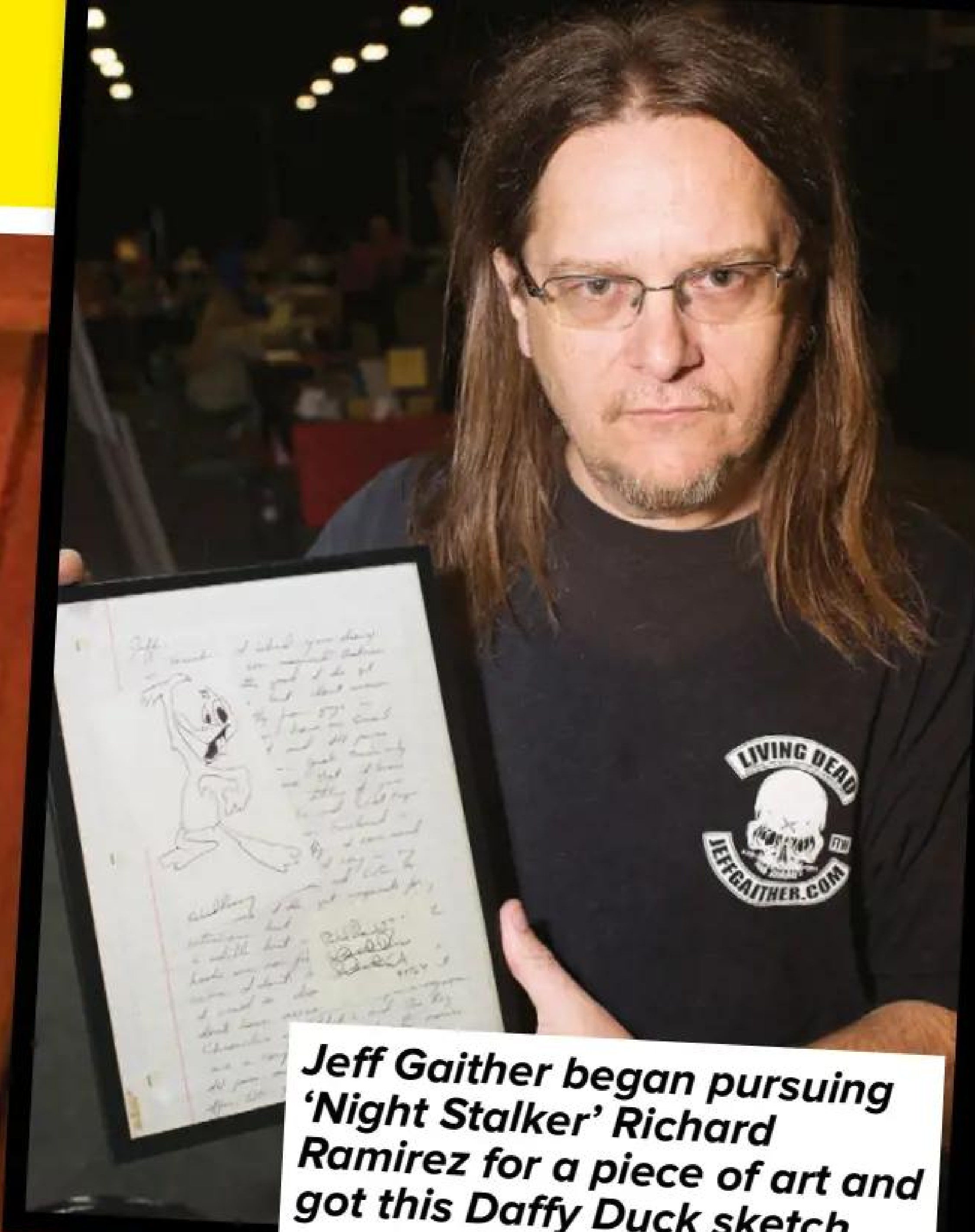

Jeff Gaither began pursuing 'Night Stalker' Richard Ramirez for a piece of art and got this Daffy Duck sketch

JEFF GAITHER'S SECRET STASH

UNDERGROUND ARTIST JEFF GAITHER SHOWS OFF HIS MURDERABILIA

1. **FRAMED ED GEIN GRAVESTONE RUBBING.**
2. FIRST EDITION OF EDWARD GEIN AMERICA'S MOST BIZARRE MURDERED
3. **ORIGINAL NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS ABOUT ED GEIN**
4. A QUESTION OF DOUBT: THE JOHN WAYNE GACY STORY. ONLY 500 PRINTED, SIGNED BY GACY
5. **LETTER AND DRAWING OF DAFFY DUCK FROM THE NIGHT STALKER**
6. ABOUT FIVE YEARS WORTH OF LETTERS FROM GACY
7. **CRIME SCENE PHOTOGRAPHS**
8. LETTERS FROM THE NIGHT STALKER
9. **GACY ENVELOPES**
10. HANDMADE GACY CHRISTMAS CARD TO ME
11. **HENRY LEE LUCAS LETTER**
12. THE NIGHT STALKER ENVELOPES
13. **DOROTHEA PUENTE LETTERS AND HAND WRITTEN**
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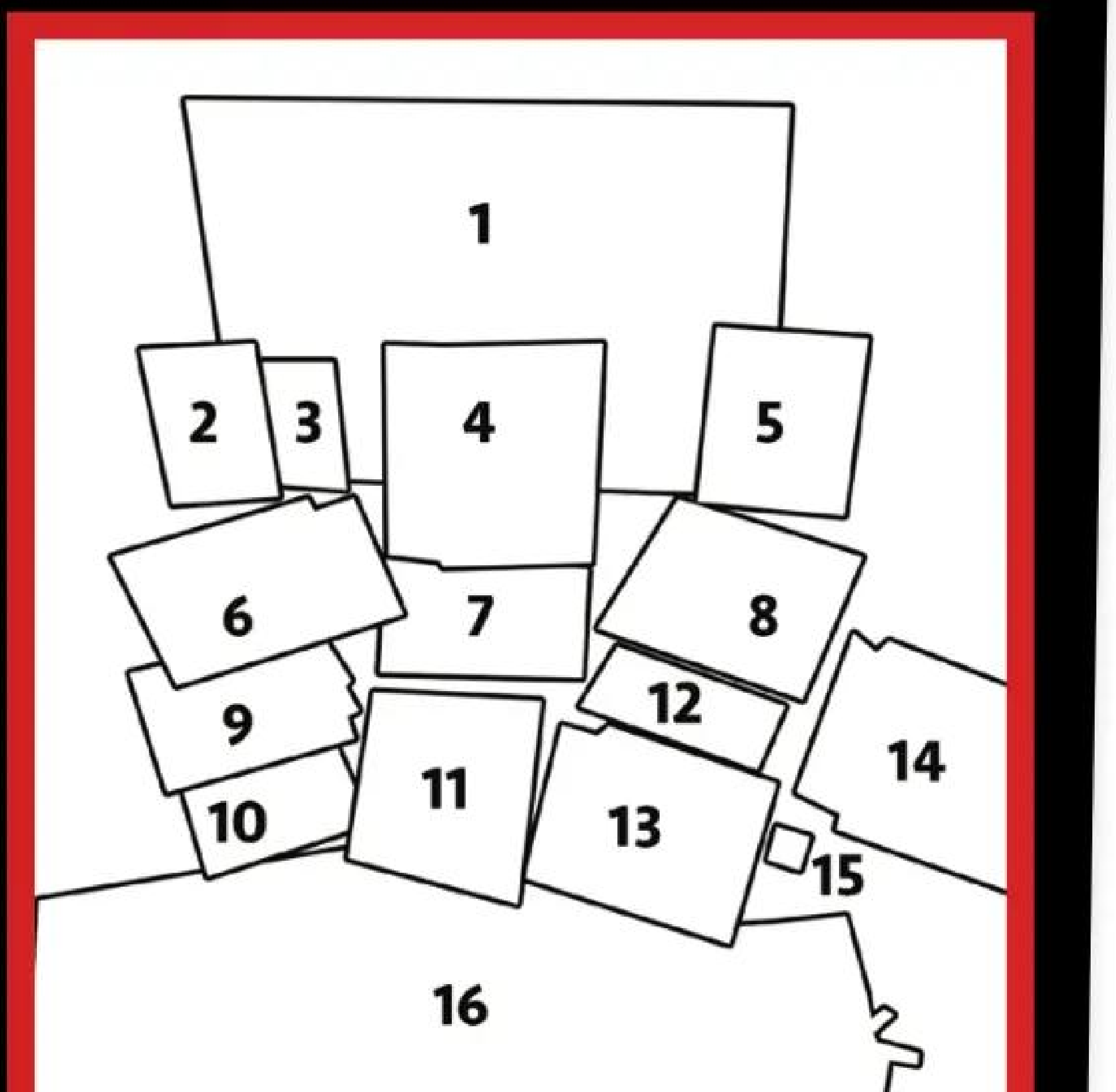
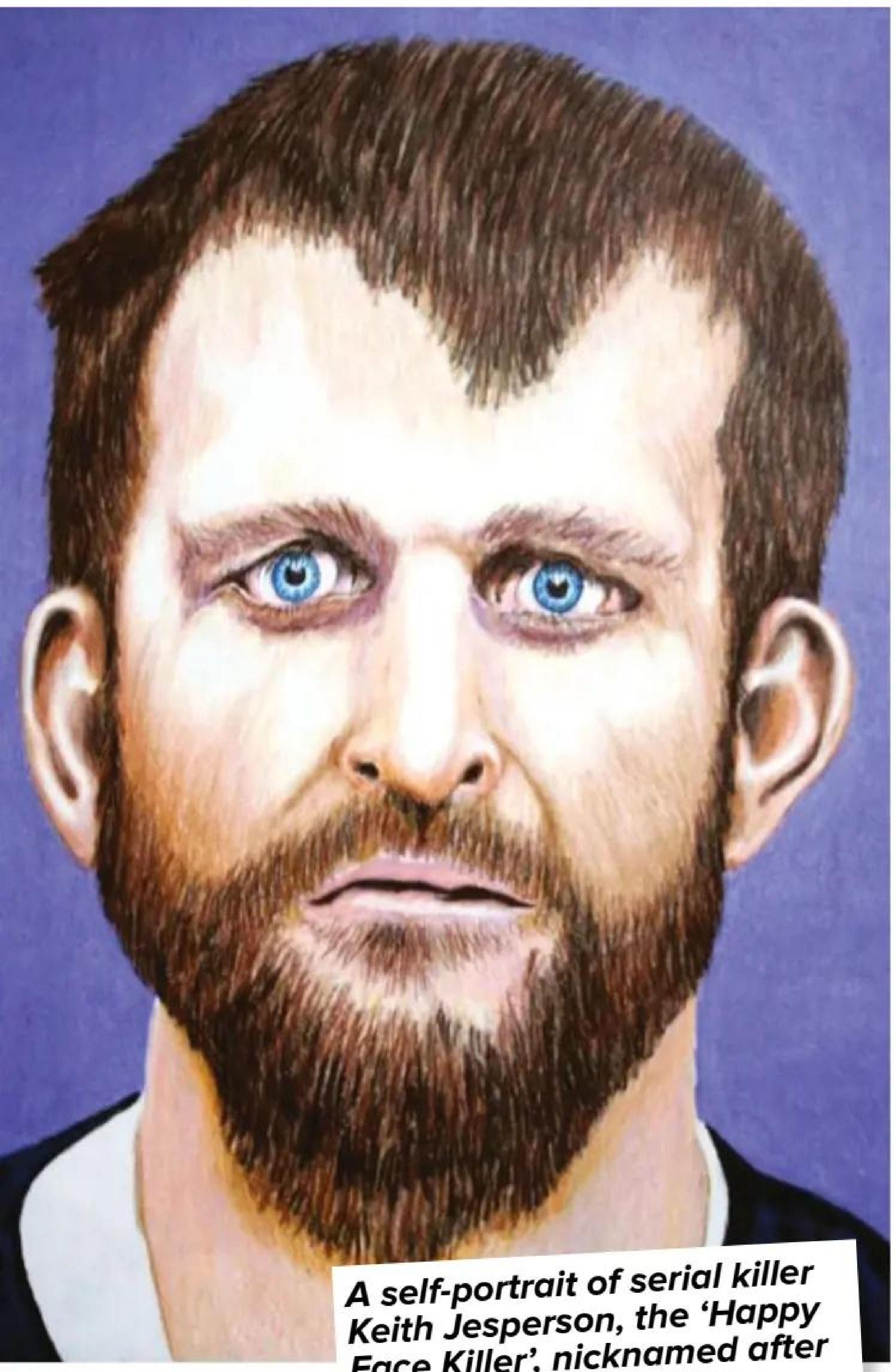
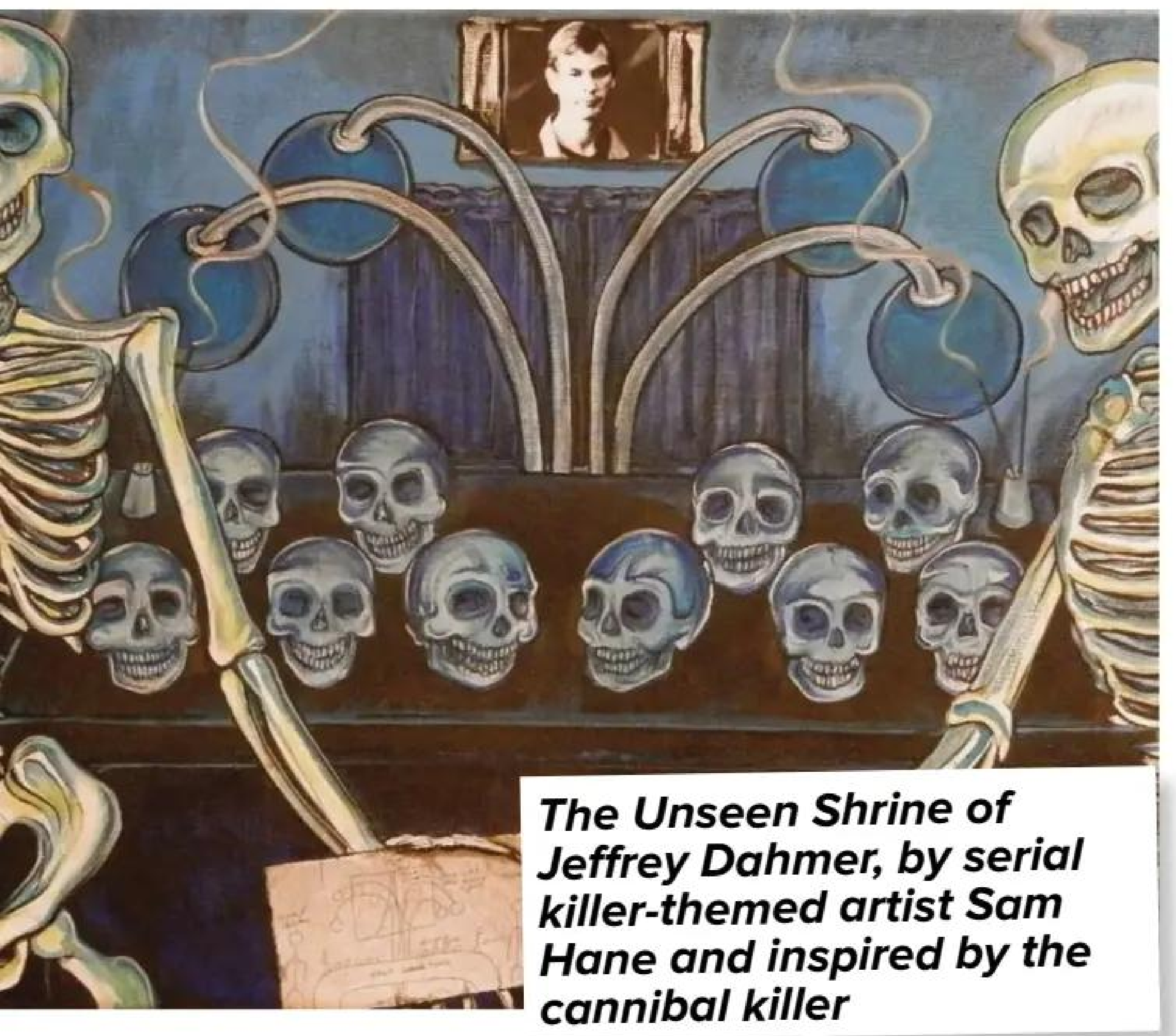
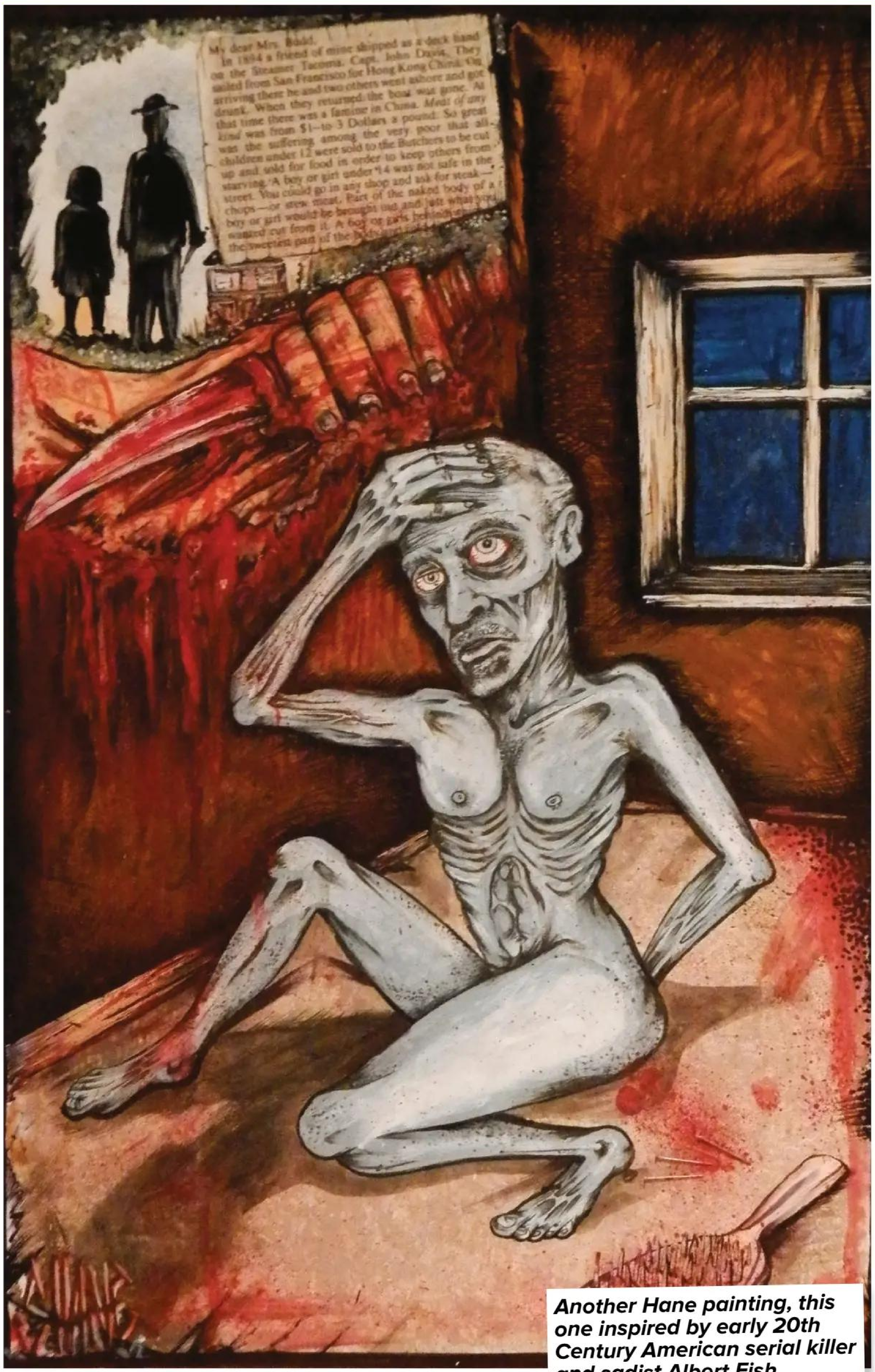




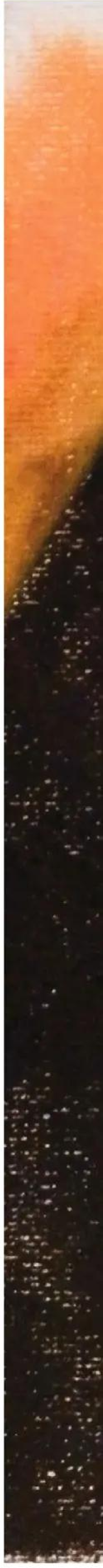
A self-portrait of serial killer Keith Jesperson, the 'Happy Face Killer', nicknamed after the smiley he left on his letters to the media



The Unseen Shrine of Jeffrey Dahmer, by serial killer-themed artist Sam Hane and inspired by the cannibal killer



Another Hane painting, this one inspired by early 20th Century American serial killer and sadist Albert Fish

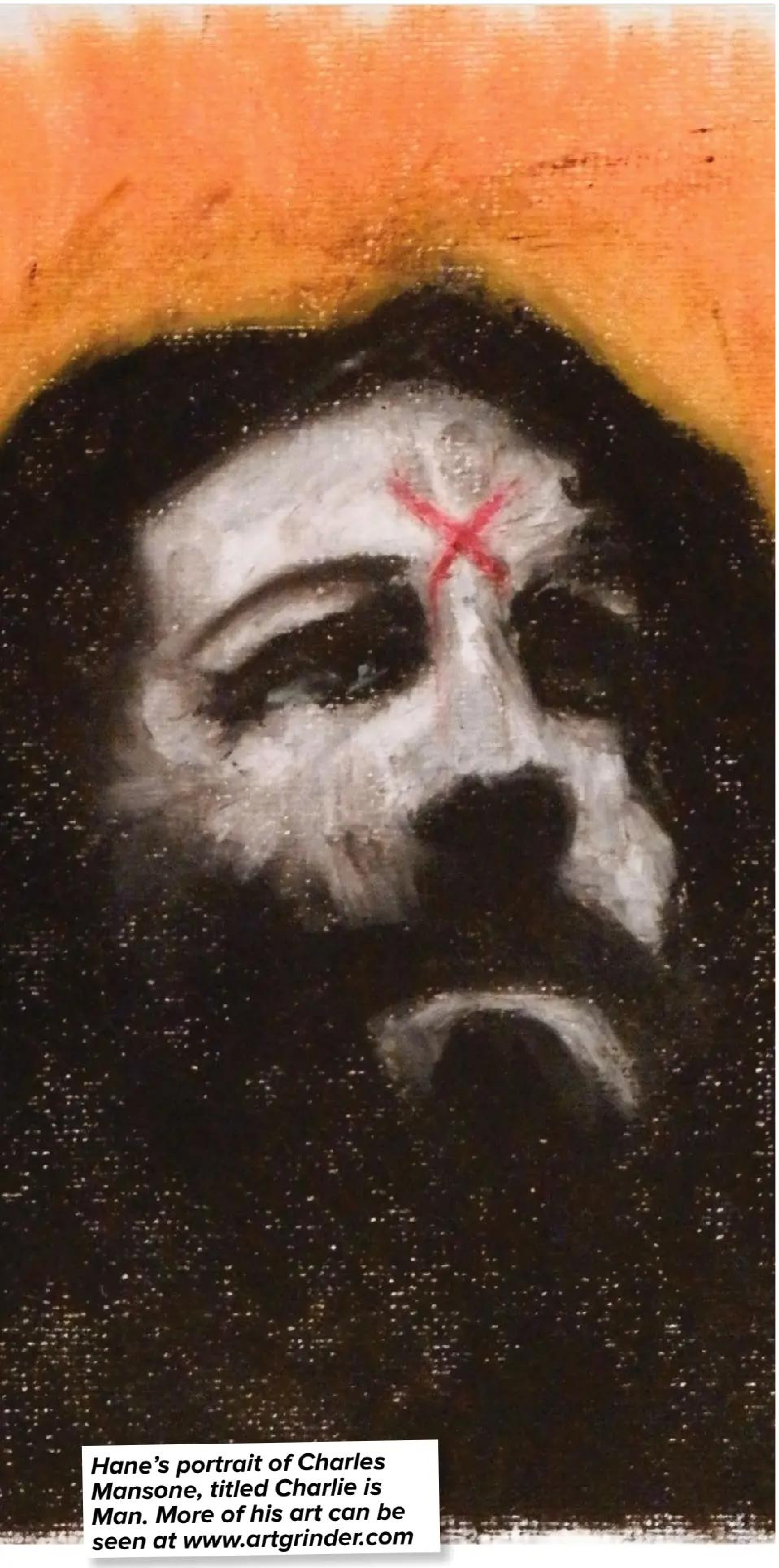


The purveyors of this industry know the appeal of their trade. Running a brisk business and generating funds from the seemingly illicit items in their catalogue. Some would call it profiting from evil, but since the dawn of crime, people have been interested in owning an actual piece of the true crime culture. John Borowski, who made a film, Serial Killer Culture, about the phenomenon explains, "We have to remember that in America when there is a need, someone will jump on it to profit from it. I understand the pain of the victims' families, but I also understand that people are interested in serial killers and will buy anything they owned. Serial killer artwork is now being studied psychologically to attempt to understand the minds of serial killers through their artwork, so I think there are different aspects of serial killer collectibles. There are items owned by the killer, artwork created by them, evidence from the case, and items relating to the case itself, like mugshots and case documents."

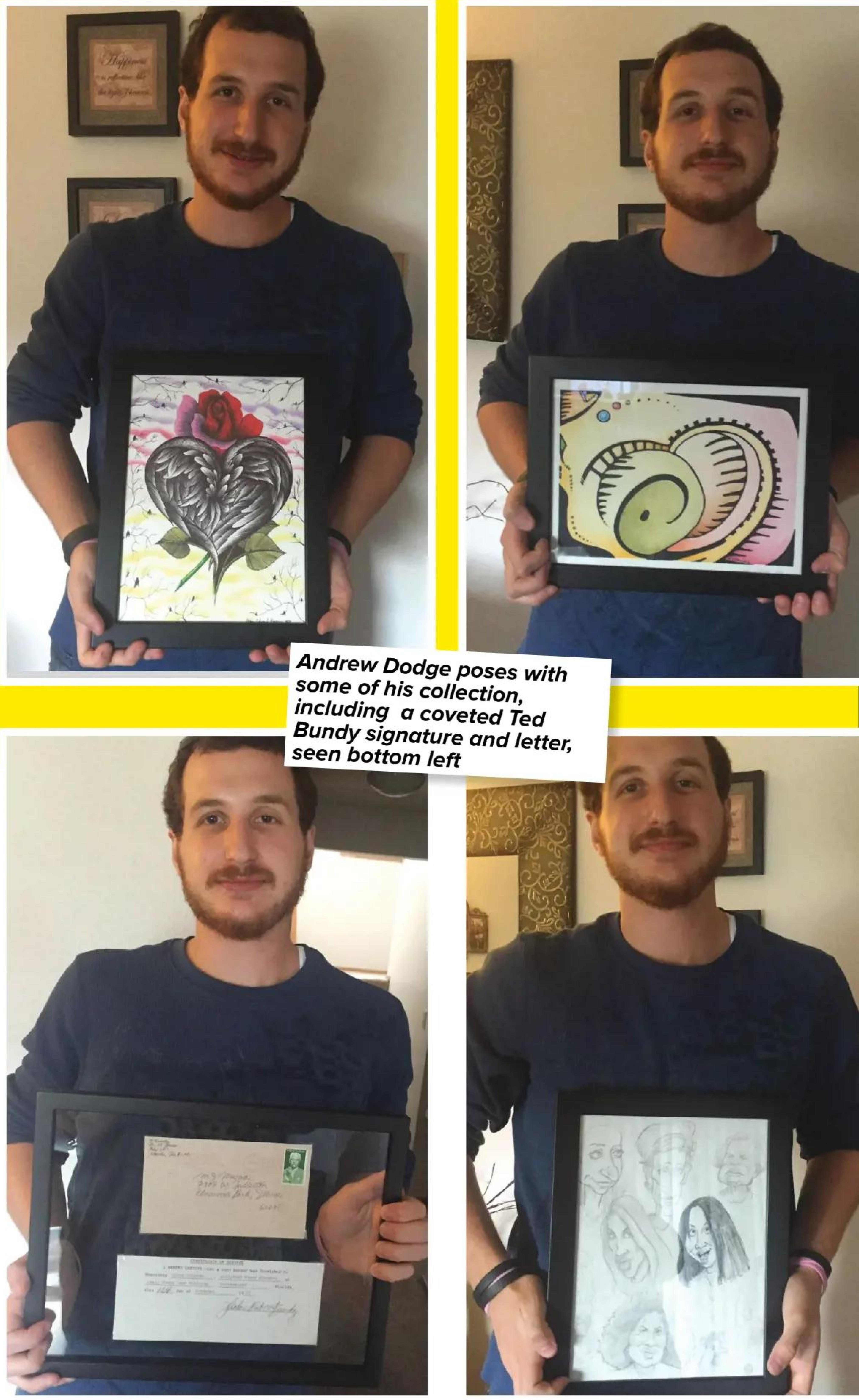
Whatever the case, a lot of people are interested in the trade. Google 'murderabilia' and see how many sites come up; an orgy of serial killer URLs will grace your screen.

"There is a broad customer base I deal with," Dodge says. "There are various professionals that purchase from our website, such as museums, retired law enforcement, college professors, and then just people who have a deep interest in true crime. It depends on the item. It could range anywhere from five dollars, up to $100,000 dollars. Something high-end, such as a John Wayne Gacy Pogo the Clown painting, can fetch up to $6,000."

Dr Scott Bonn, the author of Why We Love Serial Killers: The Curious Appeal of the World's Most Savage Murderers echoes these sentiments. "There are websites dedicated to the sale of these items," Dr Bonn tells Real Crime. "There are entire websites and businesses dedicated to the sale of murderabilia. There's groups on Facebook that are dedicated to collectors and they have online auctions to trade this stuff." A lot of individuals are interested in buying these collectibles. Its just another fetish in the long line of fetishes humanity has cultivated, from the simple curious internet surfer who stumbled upon a link, to the hardcore collectors like Andrew Dodge who have created



Hane's portrait of Charles Mansone, titled Charlie is Man. More of his art can be seen at www.artgrinder.com



Andrew Dodge poses with some of his collection, including a coveted Ted Bundy signature and letter, seen bottom left

businesses around their obsessions.

"I have always been fascinated with true crime, ever since I was around age 12 or 13," he says. "By the time I was 17 years old, I picked up a pen and paper and wrote a letter to a serial killer. I hadn't expected a letter back by any means. Sure enough, I got one letter back, then I tried another person, then they would write back, and I began corresponding with many different types of inmates, not just serial killers, but many infamous murderers and criminals. As for murderabilia itself, I had no idea it existed up until 2013. I was just writing people out of pure interest, and it had never occurred to me that someone out there might purchase anything related to these serial killers or inmates I was writing."

> 'They like reading about other people being murdered and sh*t... the more f***ed up it is, the better'

But he found out it was booming business indeed. "All of my sales are online. I have regular buyers, but I also get new buyers pretty often," Dodge tells Real Crime. "I've seen specific items sell for up to $6,000. There are definitely higher-end items that are one of a kind and unique, which are more pricey than others." To Andrew and a lot of others it's a business, but to others, like iconic underground horror/rock artist Jeff Gaither, it's a life-consuming hobby that he has a serious passion for.

"It's having a piece of history and I like the dark side of human nature," Gaither says. "I hate to glorify that these are people who kill other people and I hate to say it, but I like serial killers. I can't help it. I like vicious people, I'm just being honest. Most people that collect this type of artwork will tell you it's about the victim or whatever, but most people in general in this time and age are about brutality. They like reading about other people being murdered and sh*t. I enjoy reading it. The more f***ed it up it is, the better it is. If you got one serial killer book and one is really simple, he just killed people and one is totally f***ed up, where he mangled people, chopped them up and ate brains and sh*t,

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THE ROLE OF THE KILLERS IN THE MURDERABILIA RACKET

The world of serial killer collectibles would not exist if not for the serial killers themselves.

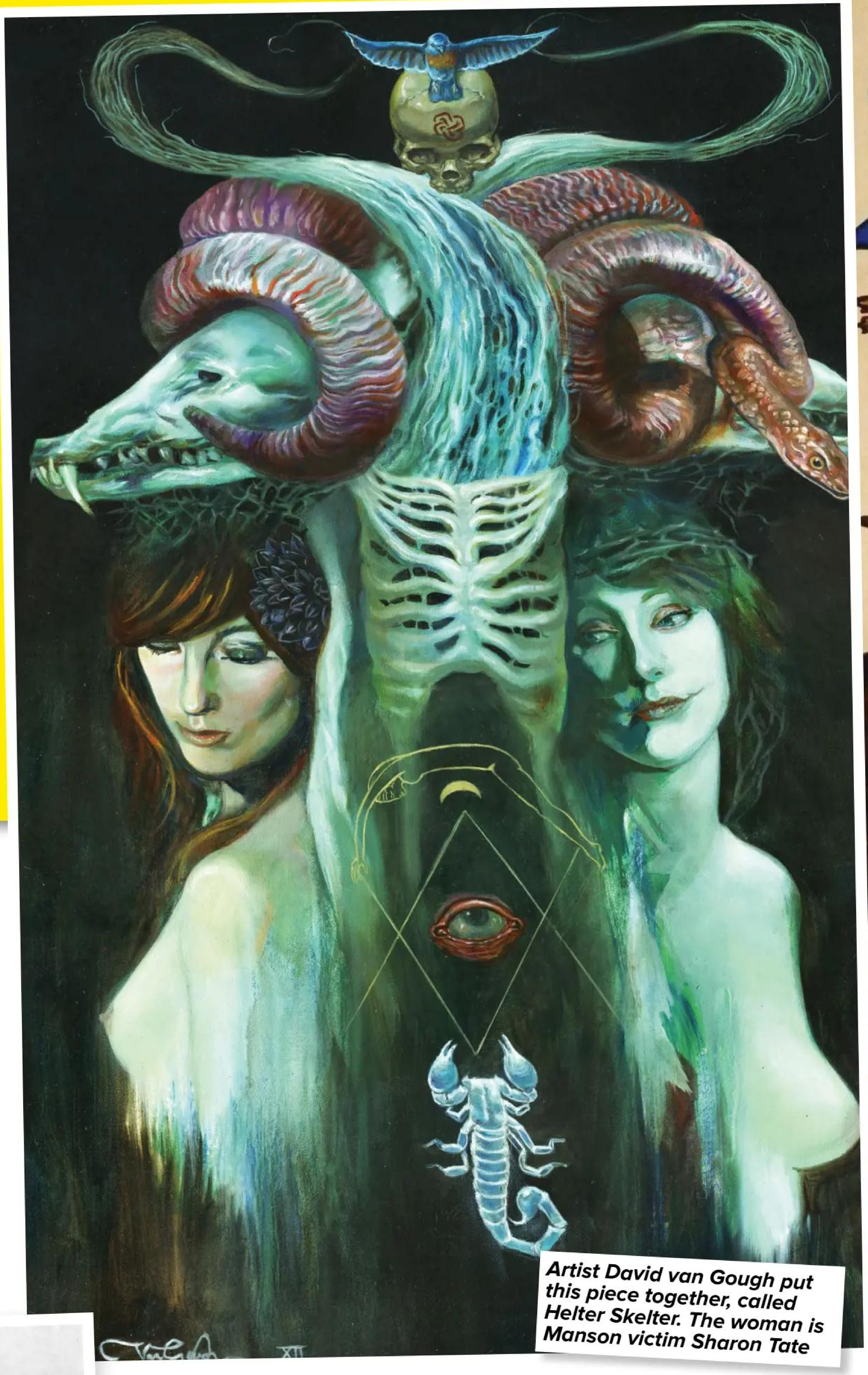
"My film, *Serial Killer Culture,* explores why collectors are interested in murderabilia and why artists are inspired to create art based on serial killers," John Borowski tells Real Crime. "The film highlights 13 different collectors and artists from around the world, including Rick Staton who was John Wayne Gacy's art dealer. It was my intention to shed a light on the fact that these collectors and artists are not weirdos just because they are interested in the topic of serial killers, but rather they are normal people and live normal lives, but just take their fascination to the next level by owning artwork created by serial killers or creating art based on murder," Borowski concludes.

And it's the dealers who make all the money because of the Son of Sam laws, which ensure that serial killers can't capitalise off their crimes.

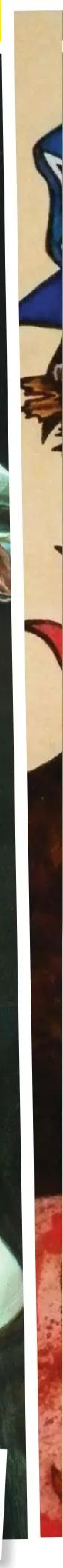
Named in 'honour' of serial shooter David Berkowitz, the first Son of Sam law was passed in New York as a reaction to reports of publishers courting the killer for a book deal, and similar legislation was soon passed across the US to curb the criminals' potential profits.

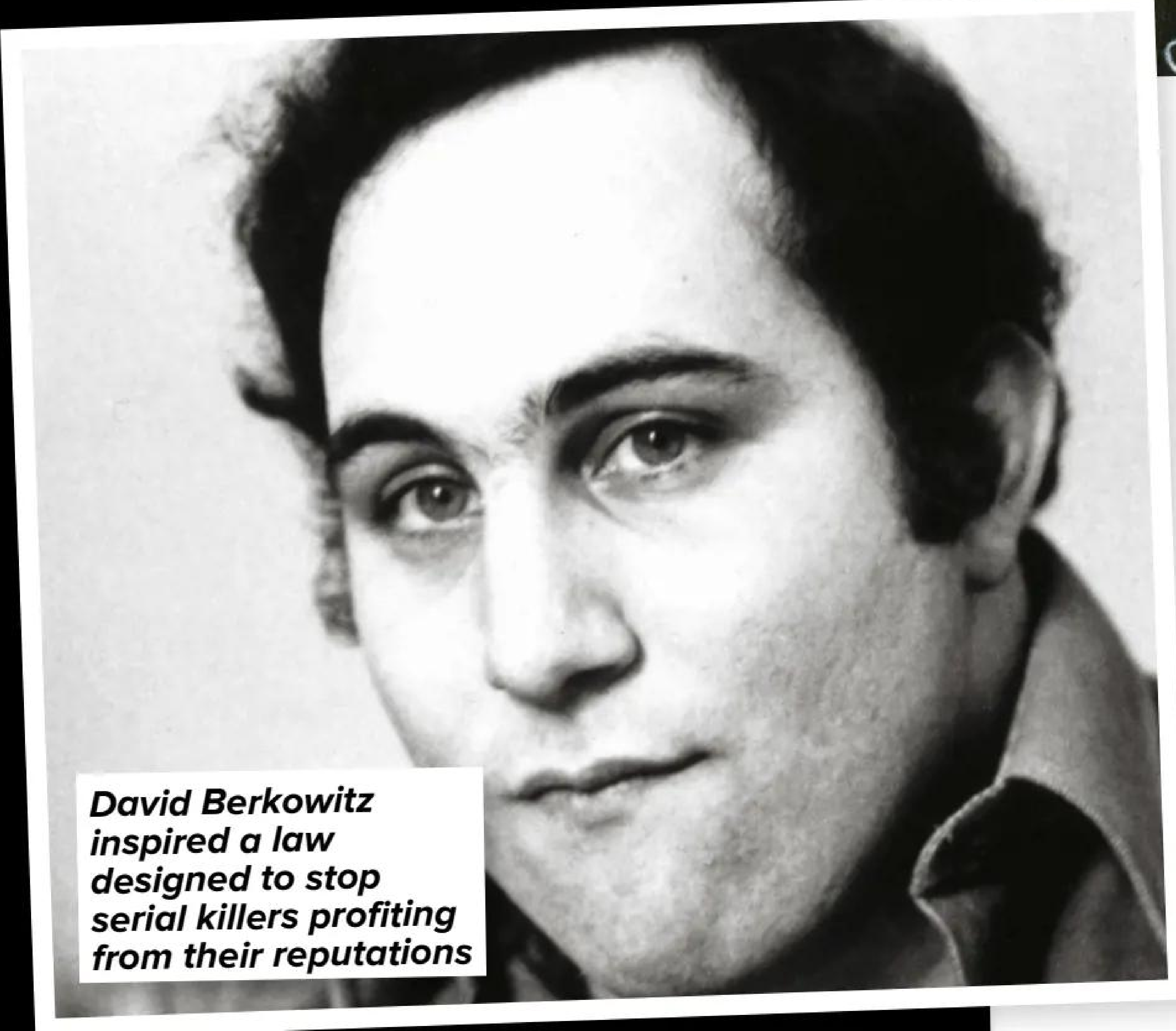
"Serial killers are not allowed to benefit financially from their own creative works or their artifacts," Dr Scott Bonn says. "The people that make the money are the go betweens and the dealers that operate these auction sites. They are the ones who make the money and there is nothing wrong with them making the money as long as the murderers themselves are not benefiting from it."

But Stephen J Giannangelo brings up a different point: "Son of Sam laws, those designed to keep offenders from profiting from their crimes, have been ineffective," Giannangelo tells Real Crime. "And in the vast majority of serial killer items, no amount of money is enriching John Wayne Gacy, Ted Bundy or Richard Ramirez. There's little money in it, and they are dead."



Artist David van Gough put this piece together, called Helter Skelter. The woman is Manson victim Sharon Tate

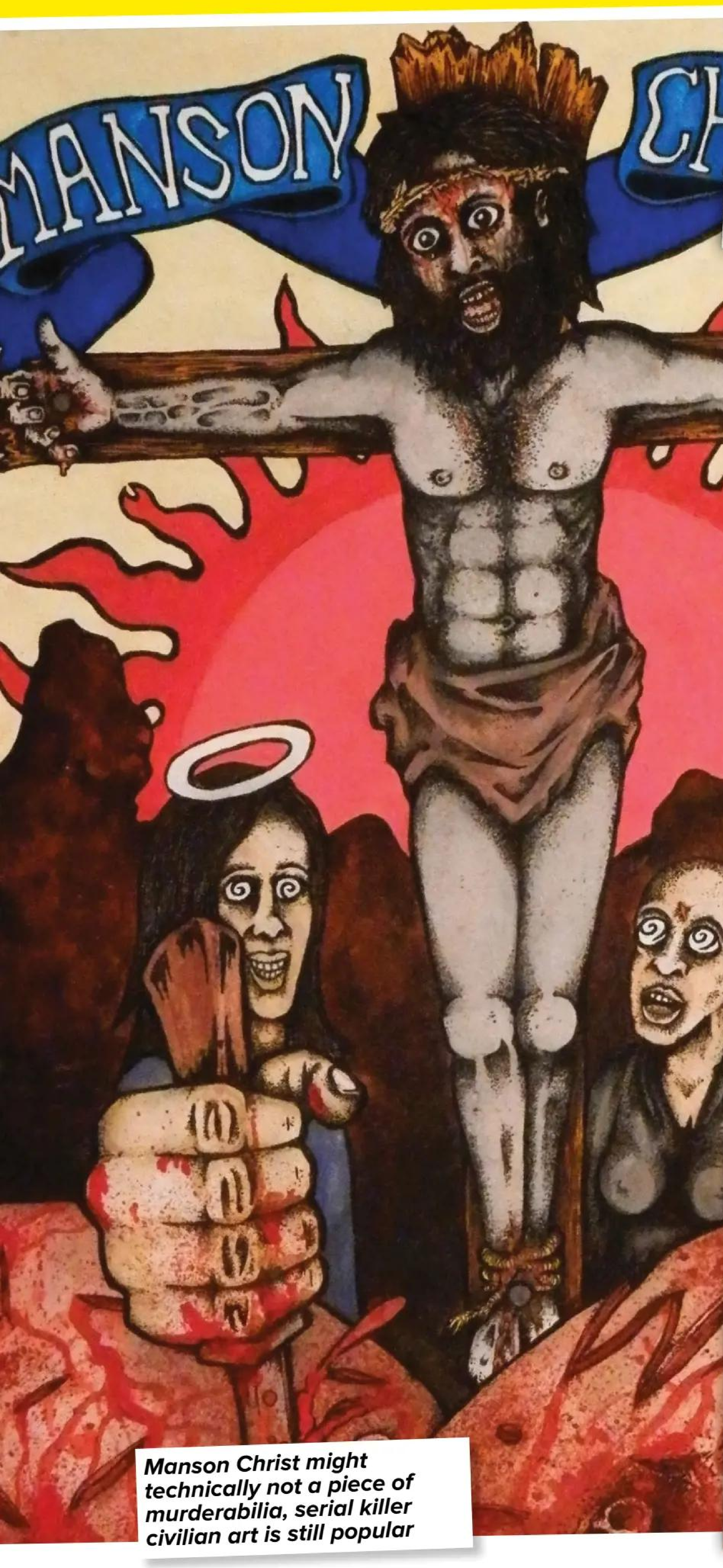




David Berkowitz inspired a law designed to stop serial killers profiting from their reputations

Which one do you think is going to sell better?" Gaither, like many fans, began his interest reading true crime books. But it went further for him as he found he wanted to find out what these criminals were like as people. "I have read maybe 300 to 400 true crime books, maybe more than that. I have an extensive library of true crime books. I read like 10 to 15 at a time," Gaither tells Real Crime. "I wrote [to] Gacy for five years and I never asked him for a piece of artwork – why, I don't know. I wrote [to] him as a pen pal. He was the first one I ever wrote [to]. I never thought about it, but when I was writing [to] Richard Ramirez, it never did leave my mind, I'm getting artwork from this guy, but he didn't draw anymore, but I just kept hitting him up and he finally relented and sent me the drawing of Daffy Duck."

On his correspondence with Richard Ramirez, aka The Nightstalker, Gaither says, "I hate to say that he's a cool guy, but there's two sides to me. The side that knows that he killed innocent people, but on the other side of me it makes me wonder what makes a person like that kill people. It's almost like it's something magic in them that makes them kill people like that. I don't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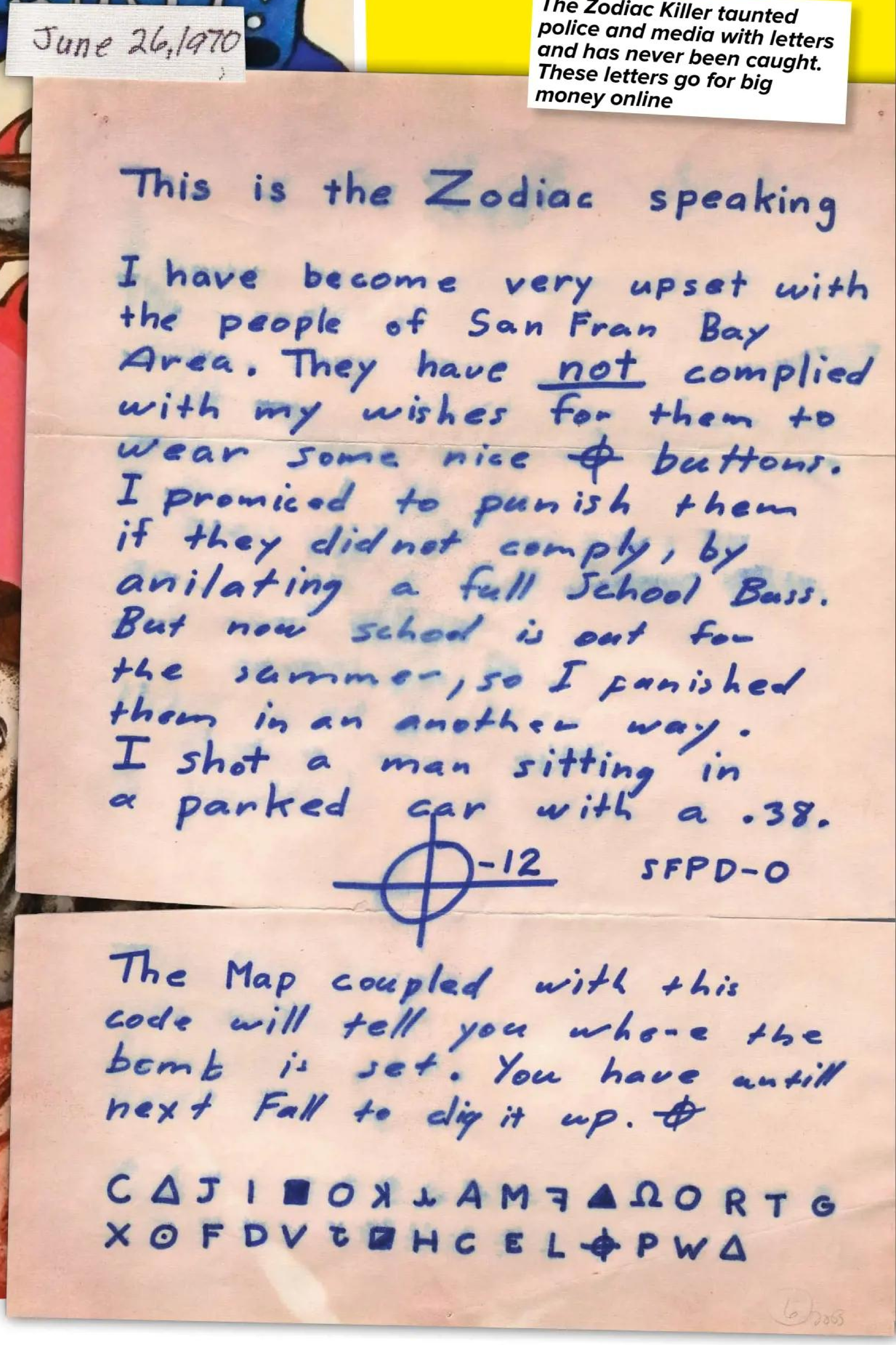
Manson Christ might technically not a piece of murderabilia, serial killer civilian art is still popular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The Zodiac Killer taunted police and media with letters and has never been caught. These letters go for big money online

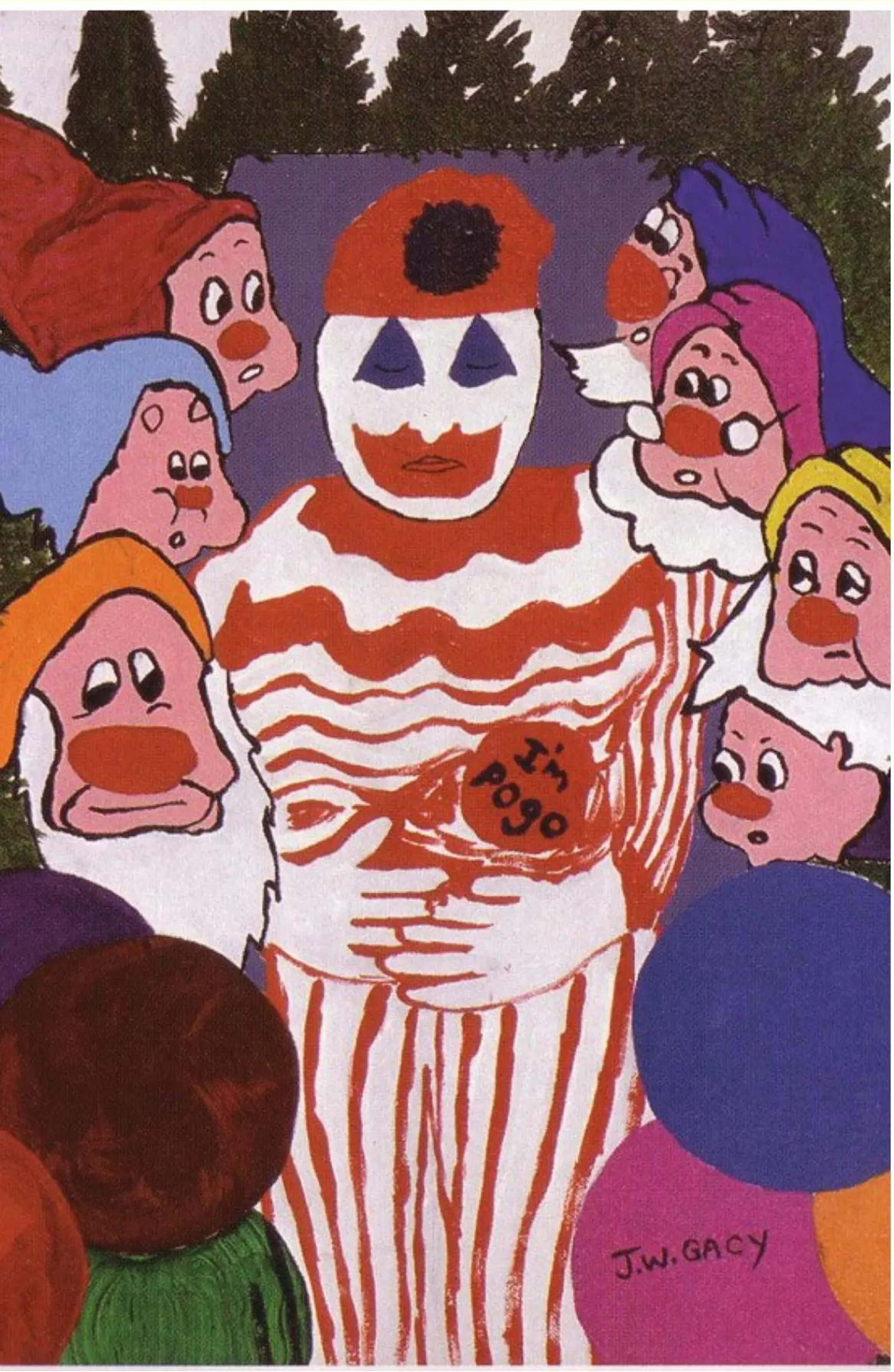
understand it. There's like two people inside of me, one that understands that they shouldn't do it, but the other side of me is like, yeah maybe people should be that way and take care of their problems that way. What makes that person do that? It just seems interesting to me." That is the broad appeal these serial killers have in society.

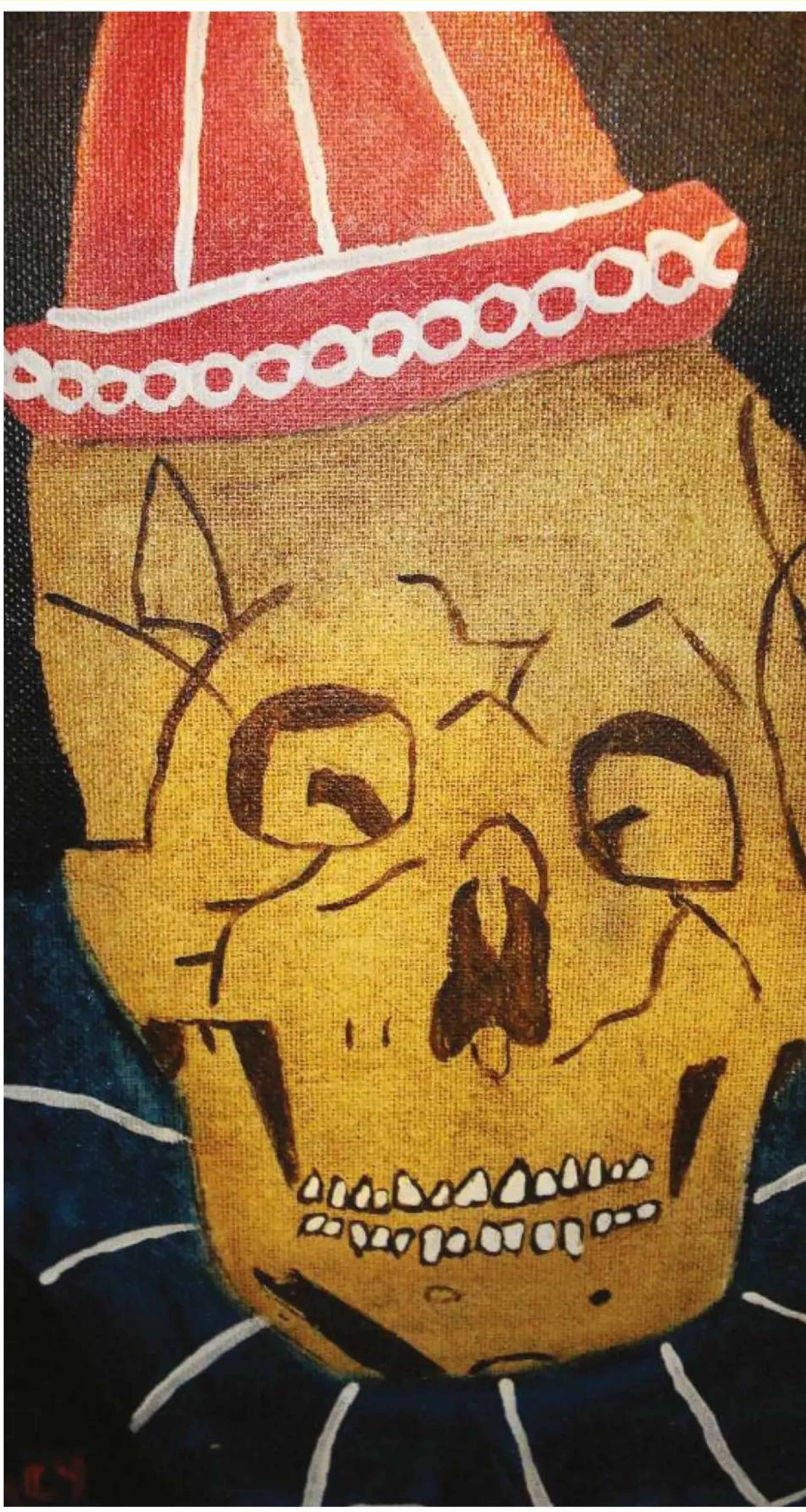
'There's a tactile gratification by touching something that was once touched or created by a serial killer'

"They have become what I call celebrity monsters in popular culture," Dr Bonn explains. "They do very evil things, but there is this incredible fascination with them. When it comes to murderabilia, what I believe that it does [is that] it serves multiple purposes. There's a tactile gratification by touching something that was once touched by a serial killer or created by them. It allows us to get close to this phenomenon of evil, but in a safe way. We don't want a serial killer coming and knocking on our front door, but at the same time they are incredibly interesting and by collecting things that are related to them it allows us to get closer to that fascination. Some people are actually repelled and disgusted by serial killers. But for people who have an intense fascination, it allows them to get that much closer to it."

Stephen J Giannangelo, the author of Real-Life Monsters: A Psychological Examination of the Serial Murderer, concurs: "I believe the fascination stems from a morbid, intense curiosity most people have for such extreme crimes, and the ability, through murderabilia, to touch or get close to it from a safe distance. I've been asked many times about having the negative energy of such items in my house. I just think they are incredible connections to some of the crimes of the century, and people's ongoing desire to understand them."

This understanding has led to several different ways that people collect muderabilia. "There are differing levels of interest," Borowski says. "Some like to read books on serial killers and others desire to go even further by writing [to] serial killers and collecting artwork created by killers.





Others even collect items belonging to the killers. Many would think this is a morbid fascination, but I have met law enforcement officers who collect artwork created by serial killers. Everyone is fascinated by serial killers and true crime. It just depends on how far one will go to pursue their interest in the crimes and killers themselves."

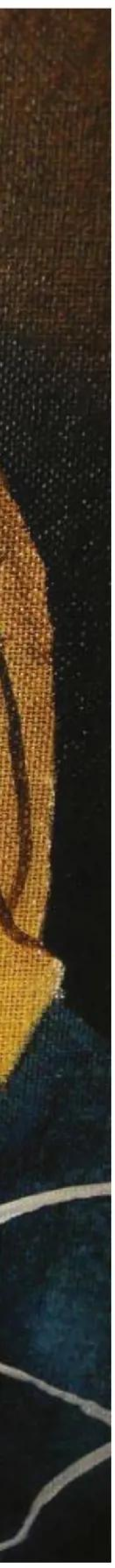
> **'Hiding Nazi memorabilia, Confederate flags and yes, serial killer murderabilia does not make the memories go away '**

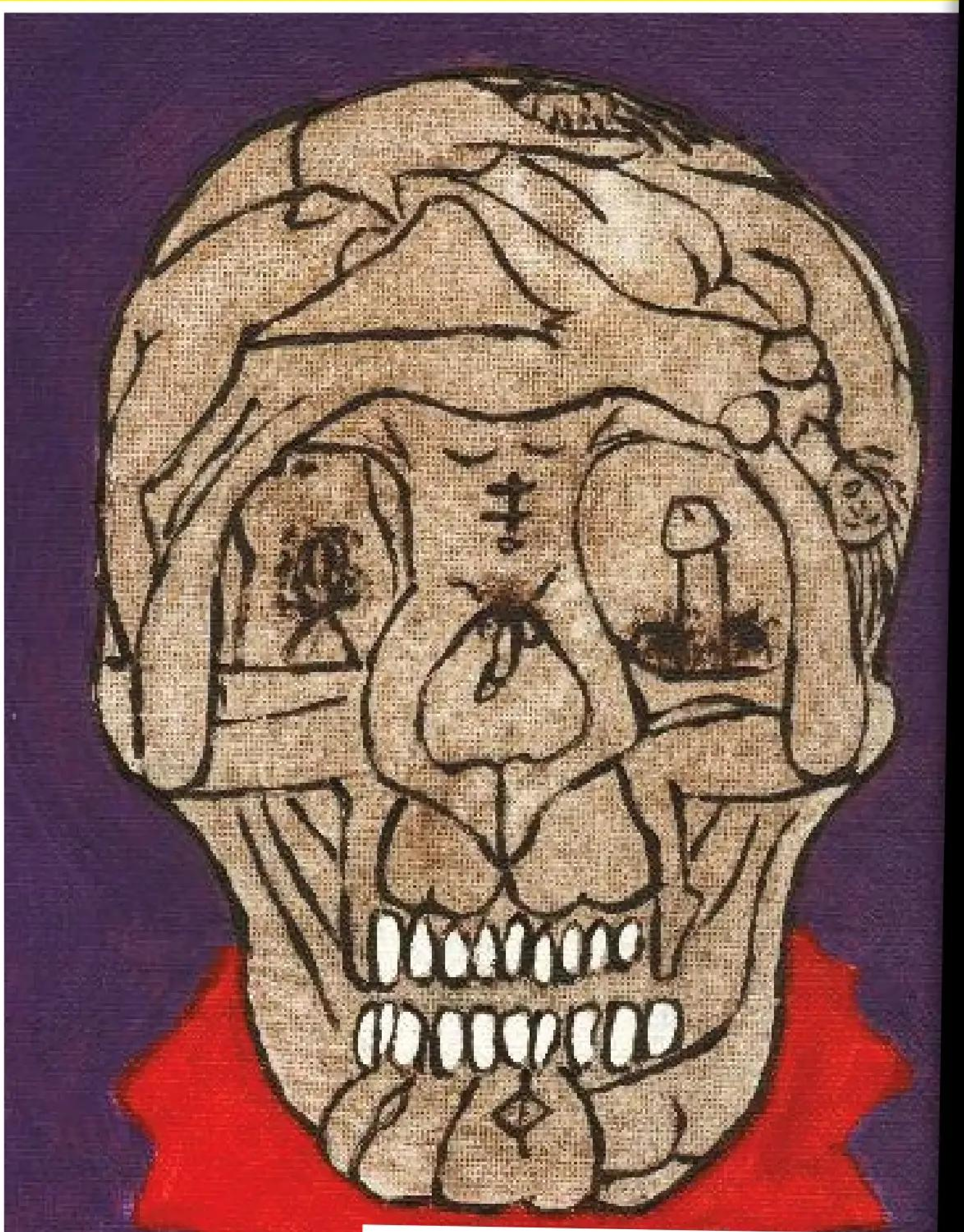
Some collectors like Jeff Gaither do it as a hobby, some like Andrew Dodge have turned their interests into a business and others like John Borowski, Stephen J Giannangelo and Dr Scott Bonn have made films and written books on the subject. It's a very personal affair when it comes to these monsters and the parts people allow them to play in their lives. The appeal is strong, but these items are also very controversial, especially considering the nature of the crimes involved.

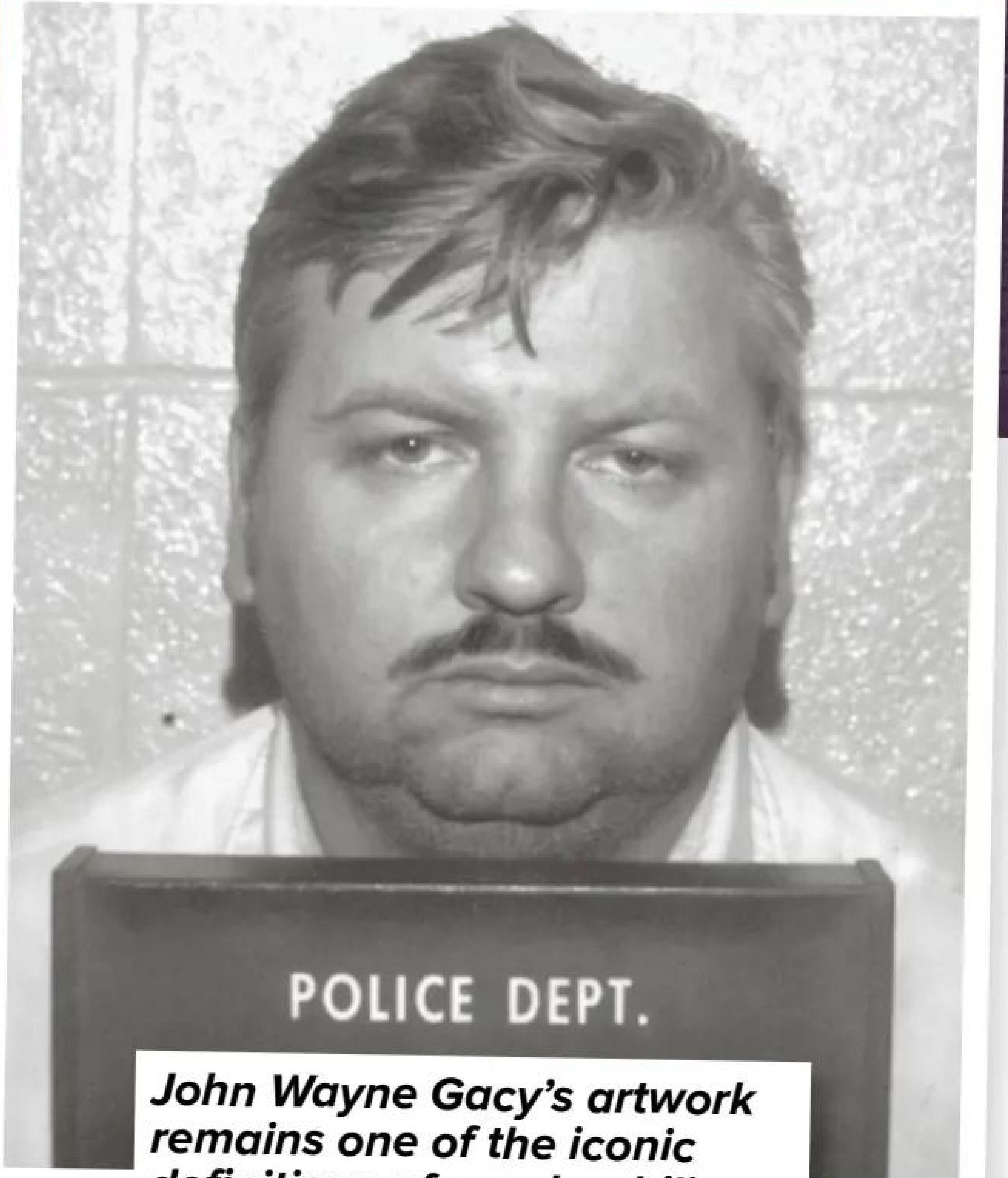
"My feeling on serial killer collectibles is that, while they seem to be a very controversial topic, I find them to be important artifacts of history," Giannangelo told us. "We live in politically correct times where it makes sense to some people to try to erase parts of history that are uncomfortable to them. I think this is terribly short-sighted and unproductive. Hiding relics of the KKK, Nazi memorabilia, Confederate flags and yes, true crime items like serial killer murderabilia does not make the memories go away."

And with an infinite curiosity, a very defined and concrete industry has been built around the almost mythical status some of these serial killers have attained.

"People are fascinated by these artifacts because it is a way for them to get closer to the case itself, which is a thrill," Borowki says. "The public is interested in serial killers because they do not come across killers in their daily life and wonder how a person can continue to kill without remorse. I know of a young woman who has a murder journal and visits murder sites across the US and writes about them in her blog. I know of others who collect dirt and artifacts from sites where murders have occurred. They want to own a part of the case and feel they are a part of it. Personally, I am not interested in owning artifacts from crimes, but I do enjoy researching documents related to the cases and reading books on the psychology of serial murderer."



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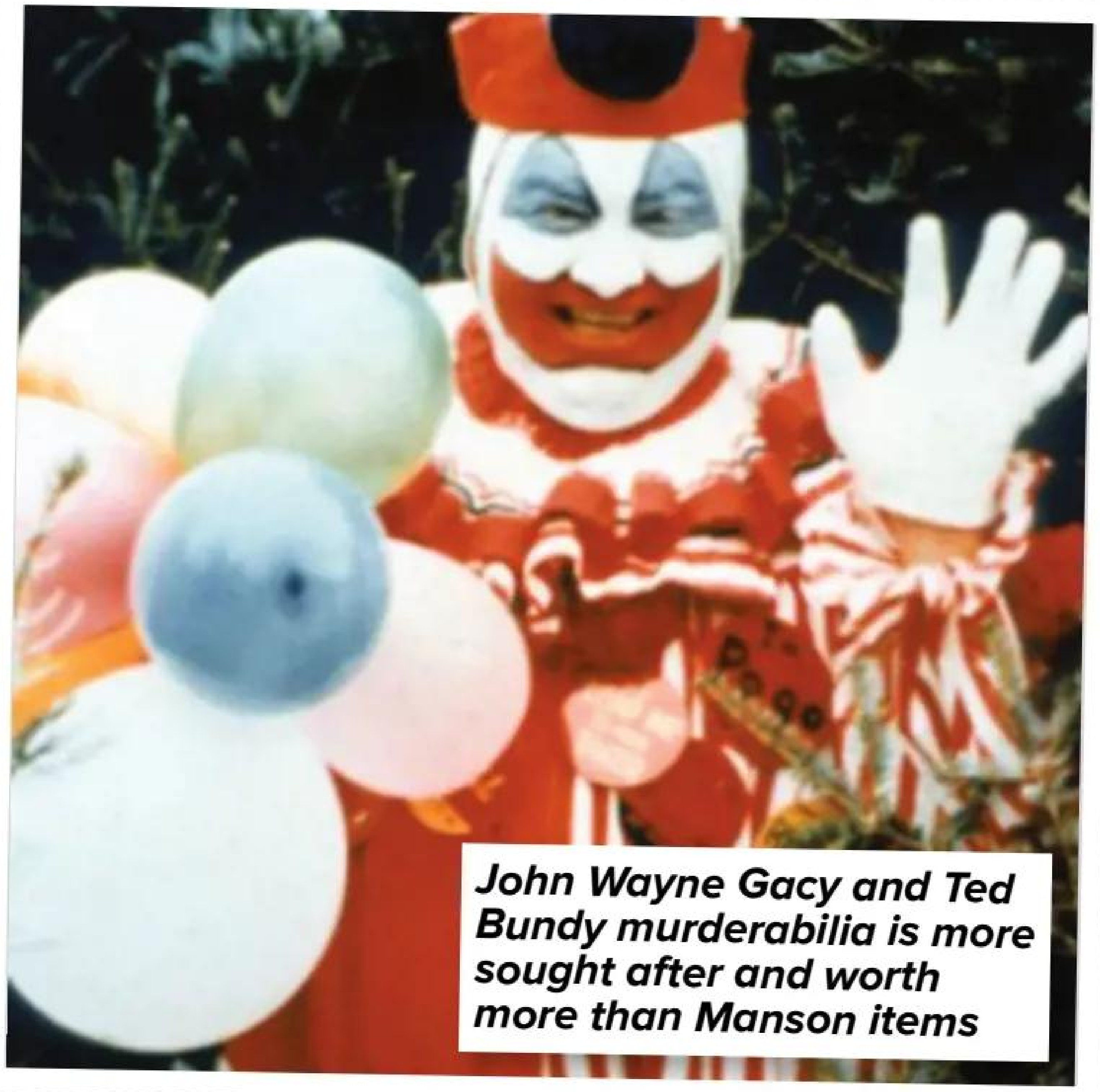
John Wayne Gacy's artwork remains one of the iconic definitions of murderabilia, especially images depicting his clown alter ego, Pogo

It's not all about the psychology to everyone though. Some like to study these murderers to see what makes them tick. Still, others just have a morbid fascination. Serious collectors like Jeff Gaither have their own opinions on why people are interested in the trade.

"People that like serial killers, maybe in the back of their mind like the fact that they can read about it and live through them vicariously. There's a monster in everybody. I definitely think there's a monster in me, but over the years I have been able to control it. My art is like a release," Gaither justifies.

Searching for the monster inside yourself, being fascinated by the wanton violence and brutality these killers perpetrate or just having an interest in something so far removed from real life itself that it verges on fantasy, the interest in serial killers and murderabilia is real. Take a trip on the dark side.



John Wayne Gacy and Ted Bundy murderabilia is more sought after and worth more than Manson items

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WHAT ARE THE TOP-GROSSING SERIAL KILLER COLLECTIBLES?

"The most collectible and sought-after item among murderabilia collectors, would be an original John Wayne Gacy, Pogo the Clown oil painting," Andrew Dodge tells Real Crime. The most expensive item he has for sale on his site is a Ted Bundy signed envelope and document that is listed for $3,660.

"Some of the most desirable stuff are the paintings of John Wayne Gacy, his clown painting. His paintings that he did on death row are some of the most valuable stuff," Dr Scott Bonn explains. "I've heard of his original paintings going for $25-30,000 apiece. Anything to do with Ted Bundy anything to do with Jeffrey Dahmer or Richard Ramirez the Nightstalker, their stuff tends to be the most desirable stuff."

Eric Gein from serialkillerink.net also puts Pogo at the top of the list: "It's just the iconic image of murderabilia. I did sell a Ted Bundy Christmas card a few years back for $3,000. Bundy items are not only highly sought after, they are also very few in numbers. Manson items are also very highly sought after, but the market is saturated with his items and the prices are high but in no way as high as Bundy or Gacy pieces."

Despite this, each and every collector has their own wishlist of items that they would love to possess.

"There are websites," Jeff Gaither tells Real Crime. "I go to them to see what is available, but most of the time it's just word of mouth. I just happen to know a lot of people because of the business I'm in and a lot of people know that I collect serial killer stuff and it just comes for me. If they have something I see, I ask if they want to trade, but I have done artwork for serial killer stuff before. I can think of a lot of things I'd like to have. I'd like to have Charlie Manson's jacket that his family made. All the girls stitched it together. I wouldn't mind having some of Richard Ramirez's clothes. A friend of mine has his sunglasses that he wore in court," Gaither states enthusiastically.

In the world of murderabilia it seems to depend on the collector, what he wants and how much he is willing to pay, but no matter what you're looking for, there's a market for it.

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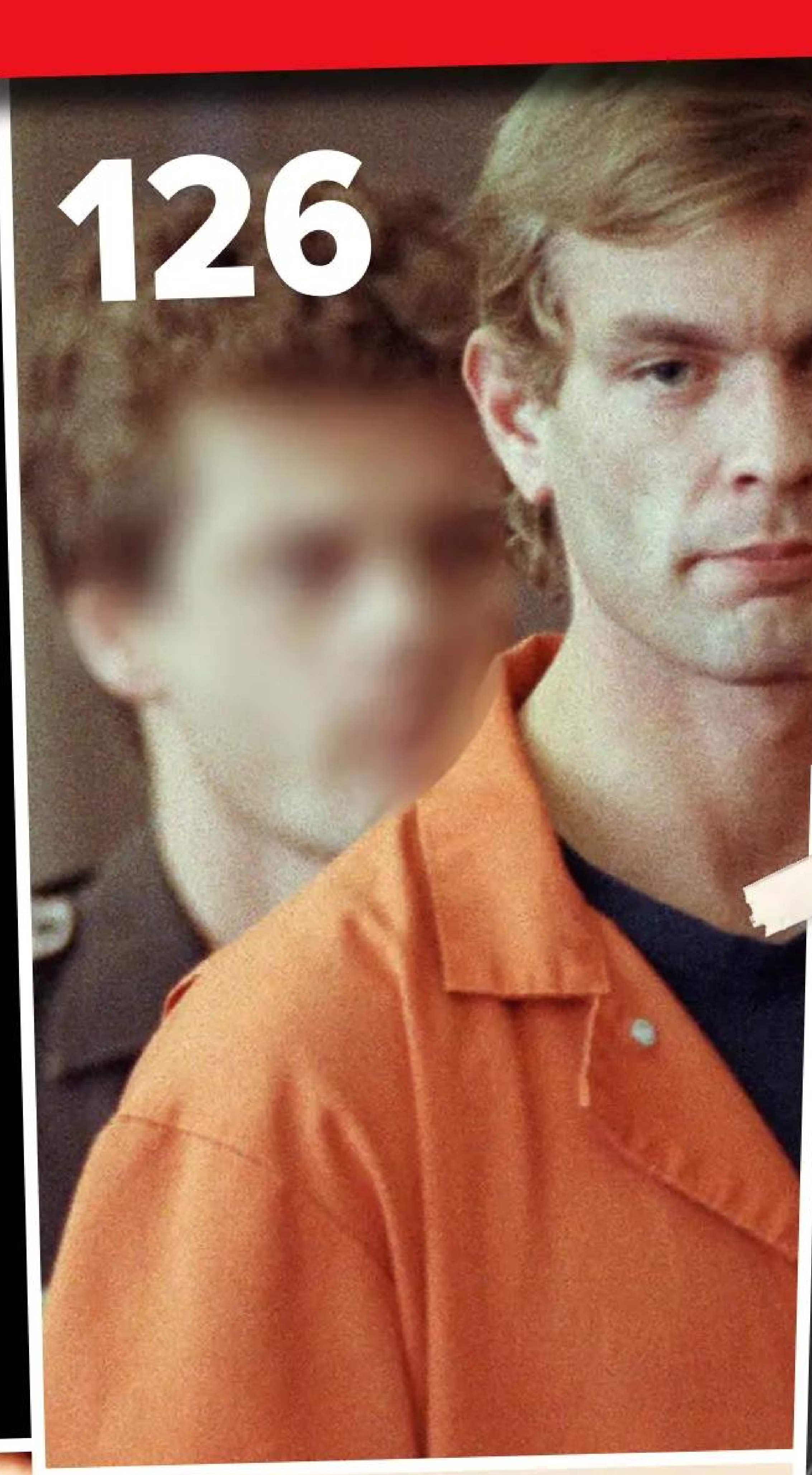

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BONNIE & CLYDE

The story behind one of history's most infamous criminal couples

SPOILER ALERT!
If you're planning to watch Bonnie and Clyde save this read for after...

On 5 January 1930, in West Dallas, Texas, Bonnie Parker, 19, met Clyde Barrow, 21.

Bonnie was a bored waitress, estranged from her jailed husband, while Clyde was a petty criminal.

They fell head over heels in love.

Soon after, when Clyde was jailed for burglary, Bonnie smuggled in a gun to help him escape.

He was recaptured, sent back to jail.

But when he was released in February 1932, Clyde rejoined Bonnie and they stole a car, committed a string of robberies.

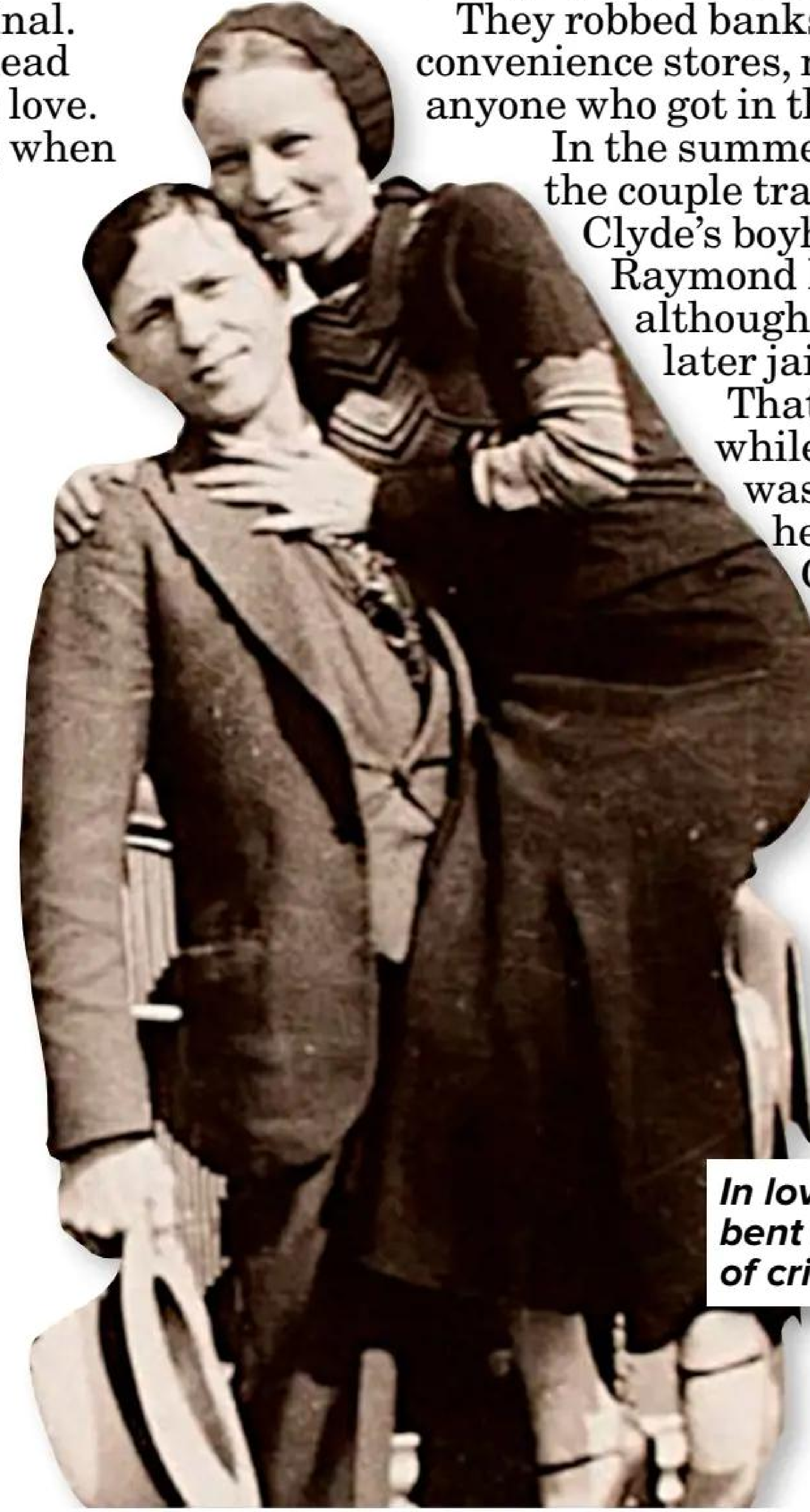
That April, Bonnie was caught and jailed for two months.

And when she was released, she and Clyde embarked on their infamous crime spree, rampaging through Depression-era America with an ever-changing team of accomplices.

They robbed banks and convenience stores, murdering anyone who got in their way.

In the summer of 1932, the couple travelled with Clyde's boyhood friend Raymond Hamilton, although he was later jailed.

That August, while Bonnie was visiting her mother, Clyde and Raymond were drinking at a country dance. Sheriff Maxwell and his deputy Eugene Moore approached them in the car park.



In love and bent on a life of crime

Clyde opened fire, killing the deputy.

As their crime spree continued, they became known as the Barrow Gang.

In March 1933, Clyde's brother, Buck Barrow, was released from prison. He and his wife Blanche joined Bonnie, Clyde and their gang.

The Barrow Gang committed a string of daring robberies and made headlines across the country, particularly Bonnie – an unlikely criminal.

Bonnie and Clyde even posed for playful photos, brandishing guns.

However, the notorious lovers were almost caught in April 1933, when police raided their hideout.

Bonnie provided cover with a hail of bullets from her automatic rifle as the gang shot their way out.

Two police officers were shot dead as the gang escaped.

But the criminal couple had to leave behind most of their possessions in the hideout – including a roll of undeveloped film, containing photos subsequently released to the media.

> **The gang committed a string of daring robberies**

They included the now-infamous snap of Bonnie beside a car, cigar clenched between her teeth, and pistol in her hand.

Photos of the outlaws were front-page news.

In June 1933, Bonnie suffered terrible burns to her right leg during a high-speed car crash. Clyde had missed a detour sign, flipping the car into a ravine, and acid from the crushed battery melted Bonnie's flesh to the bone.

Her burns were so severe that, from then on, she limped, hopped or was carried by Clyde.

The following month, they were almost caught during a second raid on a hideout in Missouri.

Buck was killed during the

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Killer couple
The pair pose for photos

shootout, Blanche arrested and later jailed.

But Bonnie and Clyde continued their life of crime.

In January 1934, they attacked Eastham Prison Farm in Texas, freeing five prisoners, including Raymond Hamilton.

Several guards were shot, one killed by the escaping prisoners – using automatic pistols Clyde had hidden in a ditch.

As the prisoners ran, Clyde covered their retreat with bursts of machine-gun fire.

After this, Texan prison officials hired special investigator Captain Frank Hamer to track down the couple.

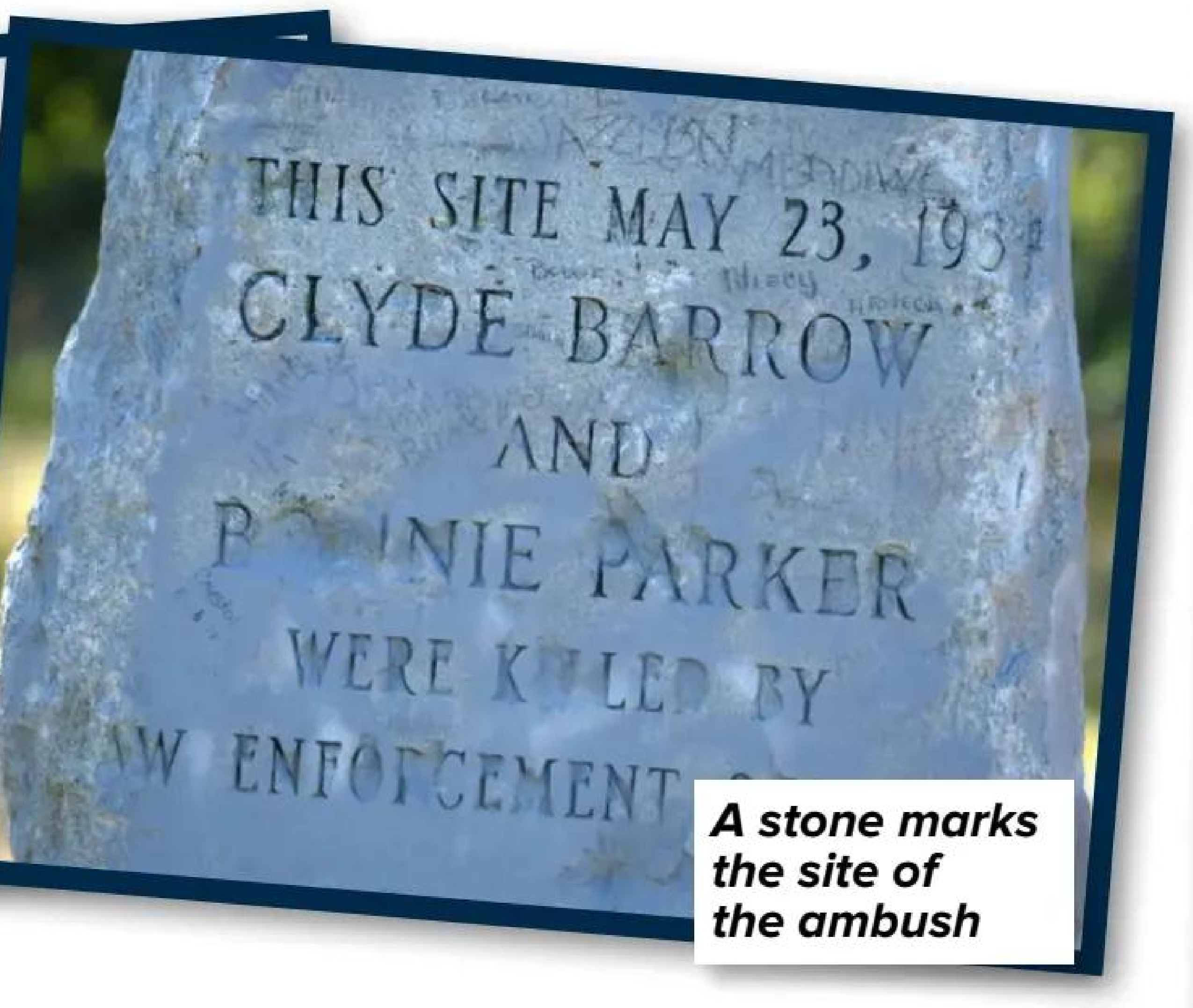
Hamer soon traced the duo, set up an ambush. Before dawn, on 23 May 1934, Hamer and four police officers hid in bushes along a country road near Sailes, Louisiana.

When Bonnie and Clyde appeared and attempted to drive away in their stolen car, the officers opened fire – killing Bonnie and Clyde instantly.

Clyde Barrow, Bonnie Parker and the Barrow Gang were responsible for at least 13 murders, including those of nine police officers.

And while their violent story has been romanticised – their bullet-riddled car is still on display at a hotel and casino in Primm, Nevada – they take their place as one of history's most dangerous criminal couples.

They died in a hail of over 160 bullets



A stone marks the site of the ambush

THE MOVIE TAKE...

The 1967 double-Oscar-winning film *Bonnie and Clyde* starred Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway. Some criticise it as romanticised, glorifying the couple's cold-blooded crimes.

In the film, they meet when Bonnie thwarts Clyde's attempt to steal her mother's car. But Bonnie's mum said they met over a mug of hot chocolate at a friend's.

Clyde was portrayed as impotent, but was actively heterosexual. Beatty invented this to give his film character more depth. However, Clyde really did chop off two toes in prison!

In the film, the gang are 'Robin Hood' types, stealing from rich banks, soft on 'regular folk'. Yet, in truth, the gang's main targets were small-town stores and savings banks.

And, unlike real life – with the pair imprisoned for stints – the film takes place over one long, murderous spree.

But, like all retellings of this infamous duo – their story ends the same. The couple die in a hail of bullets.

Dunaway and Beatty star

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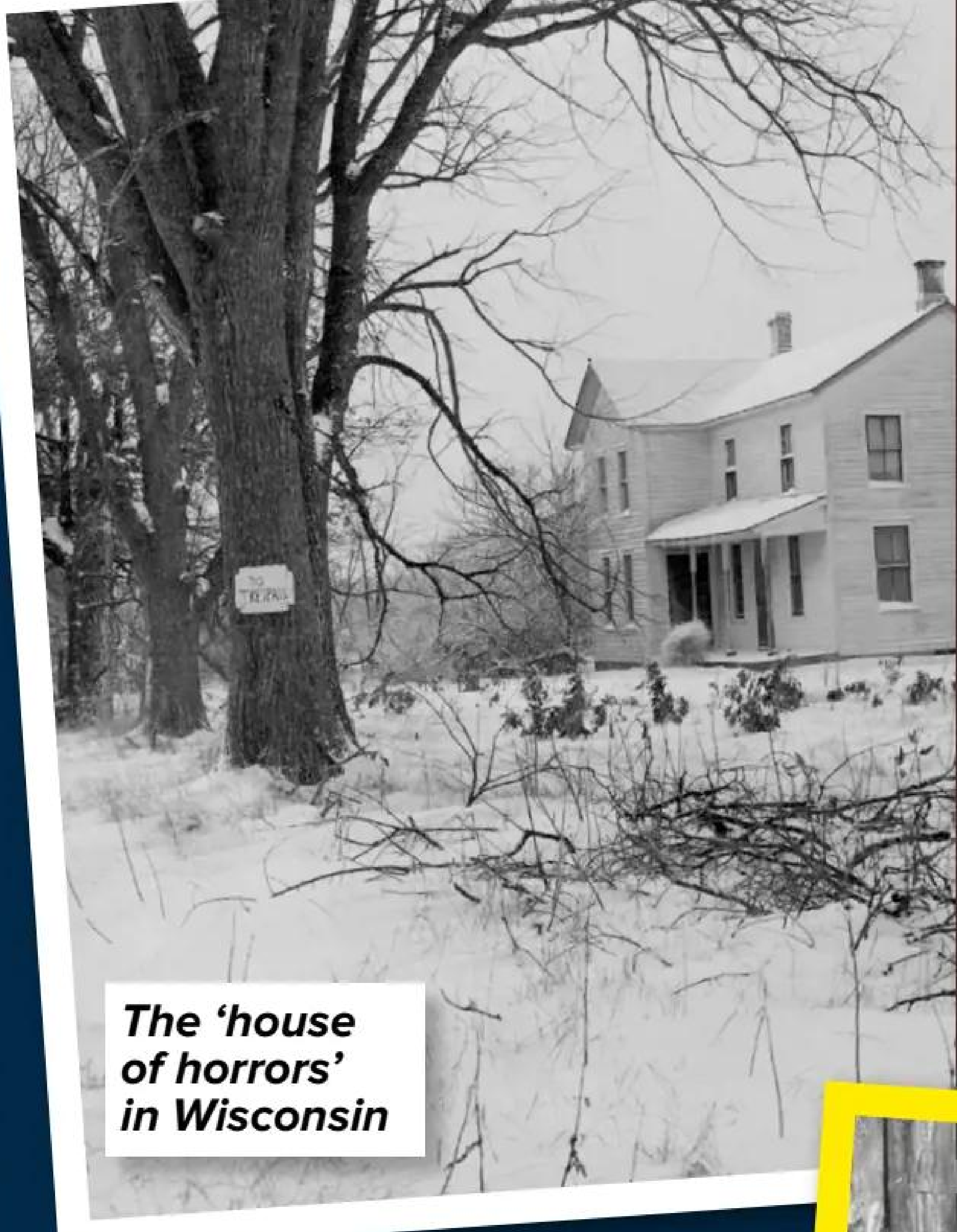
The 'house of horrors' in Wisconsin

The terrifying true story of a twisted killer that inspired a box-office success

Words: Louise Baty. photos: Getty ; Shutterstock

To the outside world, Edward Theodore Gein looked like a normal guy.

Shy and quiet, yes, but normal enough.

But Ed harboured a secret.

He didn't like himself, wasn't comfortable in his own skin.

So he did what seemed to him the only obvious thing to do.

He cut the skin from the bodies of other people to wear, as his very own suit of flesh...

Born in sleepy Plainfield, Wisconsin, in 1906, Ed Gein's childhood was far from idyllic.

His dad George was a drinker and his controlling mother Augusta – a religious fanatic – would yell and shout at him.

It wasn't a happy home.

Despite her abuse, Gein put his mother on a pedestal. Quite simply, he idolised her.

Rather than moving away, he stayed on the family farm, living with his older brother Henry and Augusta after their dad died in 1940.

But Gein's 'unhealthy obsession' with his mum was a bone of contention between the brothers – something Henry would bring up in arguments.

In 1944, when Gein was 38, there was a mysterious fire at the Gein farm. Ed Gein called the police and said there had been a death, before leading them to a charred body.

His brother Henry.

Despite having bruises on his head, the authorities ruled Henry's death an accident.

Shortly afterwards, Augusta was paralysed by a devastating stroke. Gein cared for her until her death the following year.

With his family gone, Gein became a recluse as the years went by. He even turned sections of the run-down farm into a shrine to his dead mum.

Neighbours didn't see much of him. He kept himself to himself.

Then, in November 1957, Gein came to the attention of the police, when a local shopkeeper went missing.

Bernice Worden ran a hardware store in Plainfield.

After the police learned that Gein was Bernice's last-known customer, he fell under suspicion.

Locals saw him as 'odd' and a loner.

But no-one could have predicted what the police would unearth when they raided his ramshackle farmhouse.

Bernice was Gein's final victim

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Gein robbed Bernice Worden's store

Bernice's decapitated body was found in Gein's shed. She'd been shot dead, then hung upside down by her ankles, and her internal organs removed.

He made household items from the skin and bones

Inside the farm, what the police found was even more horrifying.

Gein had created his very own house of horror – stuffed with grisly 'homemade' artefacts.

There were human organs in the refrigerator, a heart on the stove, human skulls, a lampshade made from a human face and skin used as chair seats.

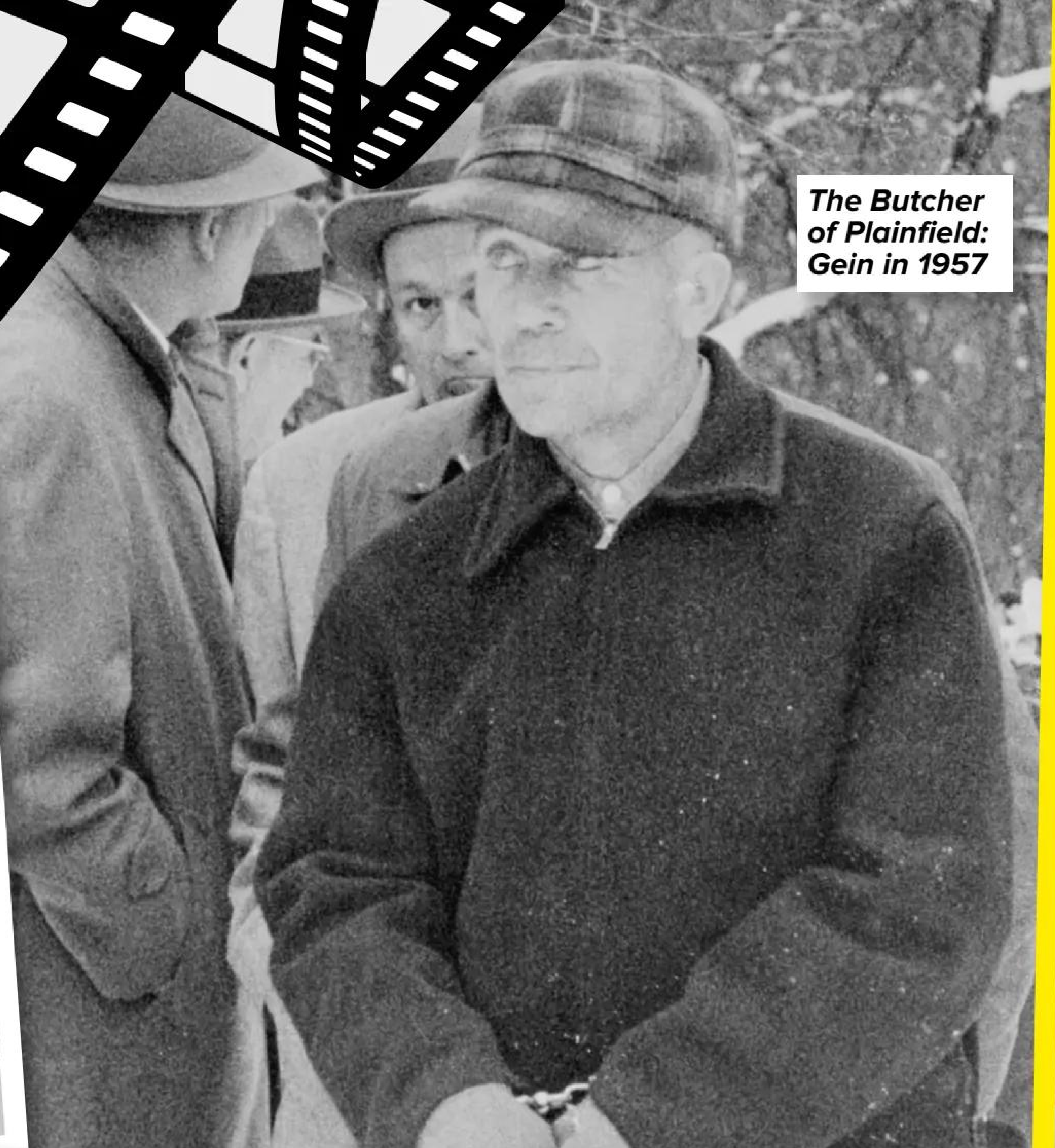
It turned out that, after his mother's death, Gein had become obsessed with studying anatomy.

He'd been digging up graves, stealing women's bodies and bringing them back in his car to his farm. He'd carve up the bodies, chopping off the heads and limbs.

Then he'd turned his attentions to fashioning run-of-the-mill household items, clothing and masks from the skin and bones.

All part of his plan to make an entire 'woman suit' – a costume of stitched together flesh he could wear to become just like his mother.

In Gein's terrifying lair, the police also found the remains of tavern owner Mary



The Butcher of Plainfield: Gein in 1957

A police officer in the junk-littered farm kitchen

SPOILER ALERT!

If you're planning to watch *The Texas Chain Saw Massacre*, save this read for later

Tavern owner Mary Hogan died at his hands

Hogan, another local who'd gone missing. No-one had seen her for three years.

As the evidence mounted, Gein was arrested and confessed to both murders.

He said he'd murdered Bernice after robbing her shop and that he'd shot Mary Hogan in her saloon bar, dragging her body back to his farmhouse on a sledge.

He pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity and was sent to a psychiatric hospital. It wasn't until over a decade later – in 1968 – that he was finally declared fit to stand trial for the murder of Bernice Worden.

Edward Gein was convicted, but deemed to have been insane at the time of the killing and so was sent back to the psychiatric hospital.

Though Gein had confessed to killing Mary Hogan, he was never tried for this due to the high cost of another trial.

The authorities also believed him to have carried out other murders, including his brother's, but this was never proved.

Meanwhile, America had become gripped by this true-life horror story. It tapped into the general public's fear of a murderous monster living unobtrusively among them, while secretly committing the most shocking of crimes.

Tourists flocked to the site of Gein's farm, even after the buildings on the property were torn down in 1958.

The car he'd used to bring exhumed bodies back from the graveyard was sold to carnival owner Bunny Gibbons. He'd charge people to pose with it and have their photos taken.

After Gein died aged 77 in hospital in July 1984, he was buried in the family plot in Wisconsin.

Souvenir collectors would come and chisel away pieces of his headstone until 2000, when the bulk of it was stolen.

Yet the horror of Gein's crimes lives on.

This is partly due to his story's effect on pop culture and the many gruesome fictional characters inspired by his depravity.

Parts of the Gein story can be seen in Alfred Hitchcock's *Psycho*, as well as *The Silence of the Lambs*, *The Texas Chain Saw Massacre*, and its various incarnations.

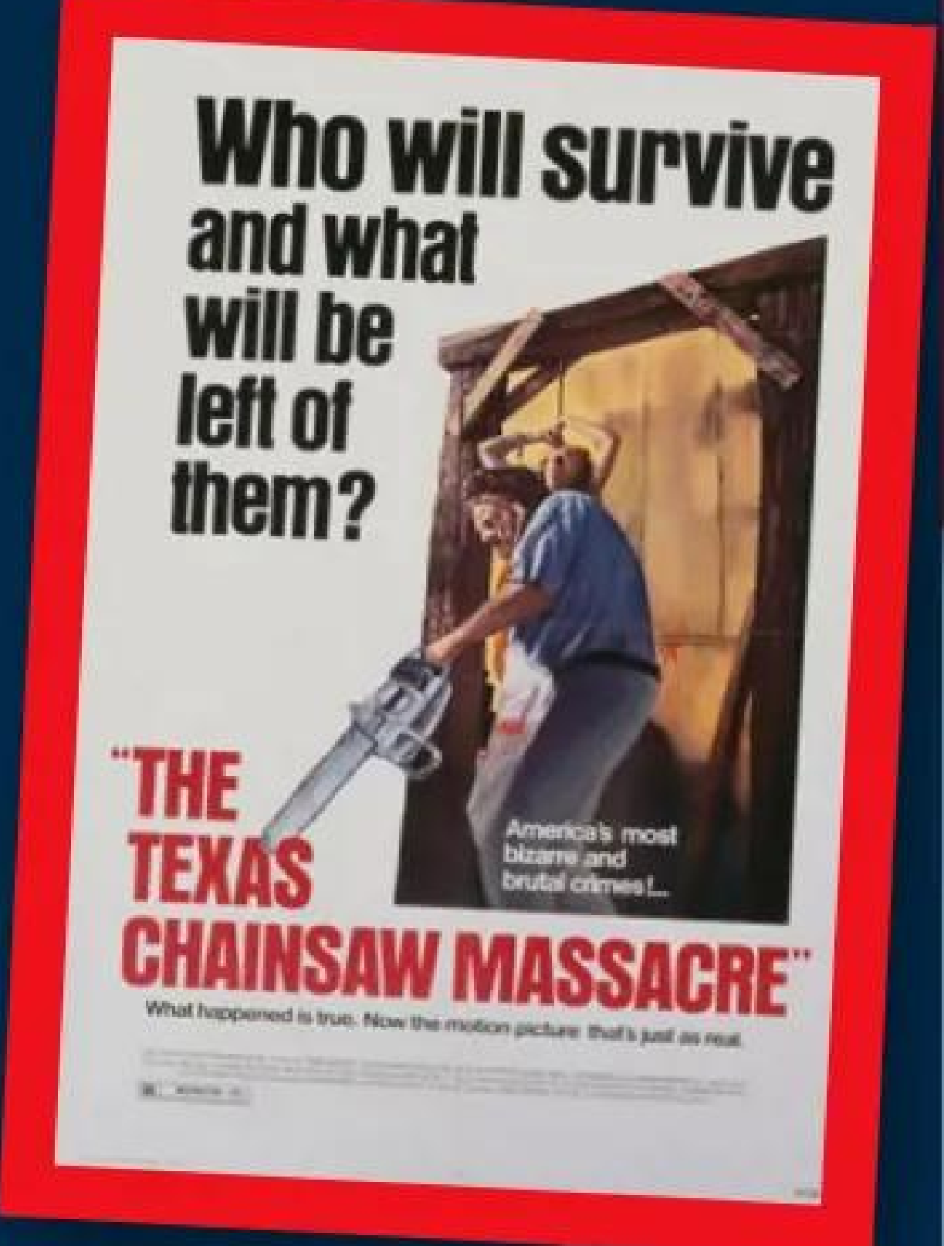
The oddball loner with a mother fixation could never have guessed that his gory story would be immortalised so many times.

THE MOVIE VERSION

In 1974, director Tobe Hooper released the horror film, *The Texas Chain Saw Massacre*. The silver screen had never before portrayed such blood-curdlingly graphic scenes of murder and torture.

Cinemagoers and critics alike loved it.

Although Ed Gein never used a chainsaw, the terrifying main character in the film franchise, Leatherface, was said to be based on his abominable real-life crimes.



Who will survive and what will be left of them?
"THE TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE"

Played by Gunnar Hansen in the first film, Leatherface wore a mask of human skin.

'I definitely studied Gein,' said the original film's screenwriter Kim Henkel.

Leatherface isn't the only movie character reminiscent of Gein. The 1991 film *The Silence of the Lambs* featured the character of savage Buffalo Bill, who skinned his victims in order to make dresses.

And just like Gein, Norman Bates – the main character in Alfred Hitchcock's *Psycho* – was obsessed with his controlling mother.

Gunnar Hansen as the terrifying Leatherface

THE $5MILLION HEIST

A shocking robbery that proved fatal for many witnesses and accomplices

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New York's JFK International is normally a hugely busy international airport.

But it wasn't the crowds of travellers that interested James 'Jimmy the Gent' Burke in JFK, back in 1978. It was the money.

Only a few knew that German airline Lufthansa flew in currency to its cargo terminal there.

Among that few was Louis Werner. A worker at the airport, he was deep in debt to bookmaker Martin Krugman, owing a huge $20,000 (around £16,000).

Henry Hill turned informant...

Werner disclosed information about the cash flights to Krugman – and Krugman took this straight to Henry Hill, an associate of James Burke's. And so a plan was set in motion.

A team of six men would carry out a daring robbery...

Tommy DeSimone, Angelo Sepe, Louis Cafora, Joe Manri, Paolo LiCastri and Robert McMahon were all part of Burke's gang.

They'd each get a $10,000 to $50,000 cut (around £8,000 to £40,000), depending on their role in the crime.

The only other people to know about the plot were Burke's son Frank and Parnell 'Stacks' Edwards.

They, in turn, would drive one of the back-up vehicles and dispose of the van afterwards.

It had all the makings of the perfect crime. A date was set and preparations complete.

And, while most of New York slept on 11 December 1978, the six men made their way to JFK.

Pulling up to the Lufthansa cargo building around 3am, to any passers-by, they looked like workers arriving for a shift.

They broke into the warehouse and seven Lufthansa employees were taken hostage. One was forced at gunpoint to open a double-door vault.

Inside were crates filled with cash and jewels. Burke's gang grabbed the haul, worth over $5million (around £4million), and put it in their van.

At 4.21am, they made their escape and, at 4.30am, the police were called – but the gang were long gone.

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They met Burke at a garage in Brooklyn, and put the boxes into the boots of two separate cars.

Burke and his son Frank drove off in one, while DeSimone, Sepe, Manri and McMahon left in the second.

All that was left to do was for Parnell Edwards to destroy the last remaining piece of evidence – the van.

But rather than having the vehicle destroyed at a junk yard as planned, the police found it parked in front of a fire hydrant, outside Edwards' girlfriend's apartment.

Fingerprints of several people who'd been involved in the robbery were found, all of whom were traceable back to Burke.

It seems this mistake cost Edwards his life – although he went into hiding, he was found shot dead.

In the year that followed, nine more people linked to the robbery, and to Burke, died.

Krugman disappeared in January 1979, though his body has never been found. Manri and McMahon both turned up dead in May 1979.

With witnesses and associates dead, little evidence remained to connect Burke or his crew to the robbery.

However, enough was found to charge airport worker Louis Werner for helping to plan the crime. In 1979, he was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

For the rest, it seemed that they could stop looking over their shoulders.

But in April 1980, Henry Hill – the man who'd initially passed the info about the cash flights to Burke – was arrested on drug-trafficking charges.

At first, Hill revealed nothing under interrogation. It was only when he began to suspect his own associates were planning to kill him, that things changed.

Hill heard that gang members wanted him 'whacked', to prevent him from implicating them in the Lufthansa heist.

It was at this point that Henry Hill began to talk to the police. He became a material witness in the Lufthansa robbery.

And, in May 1980, in exchange for immunity in his involvement, he agreed to become an informant.

Hill testified in court against his former associates, which led to 50 convictions.

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Although Burke was not found guilty of the robbery, he was sentenced to 12 years in prison for a point-shaving scandal – a sports betting scam – and was later sentenced to life for murder.

Hill and his family were then placed into a witness-protection programme.

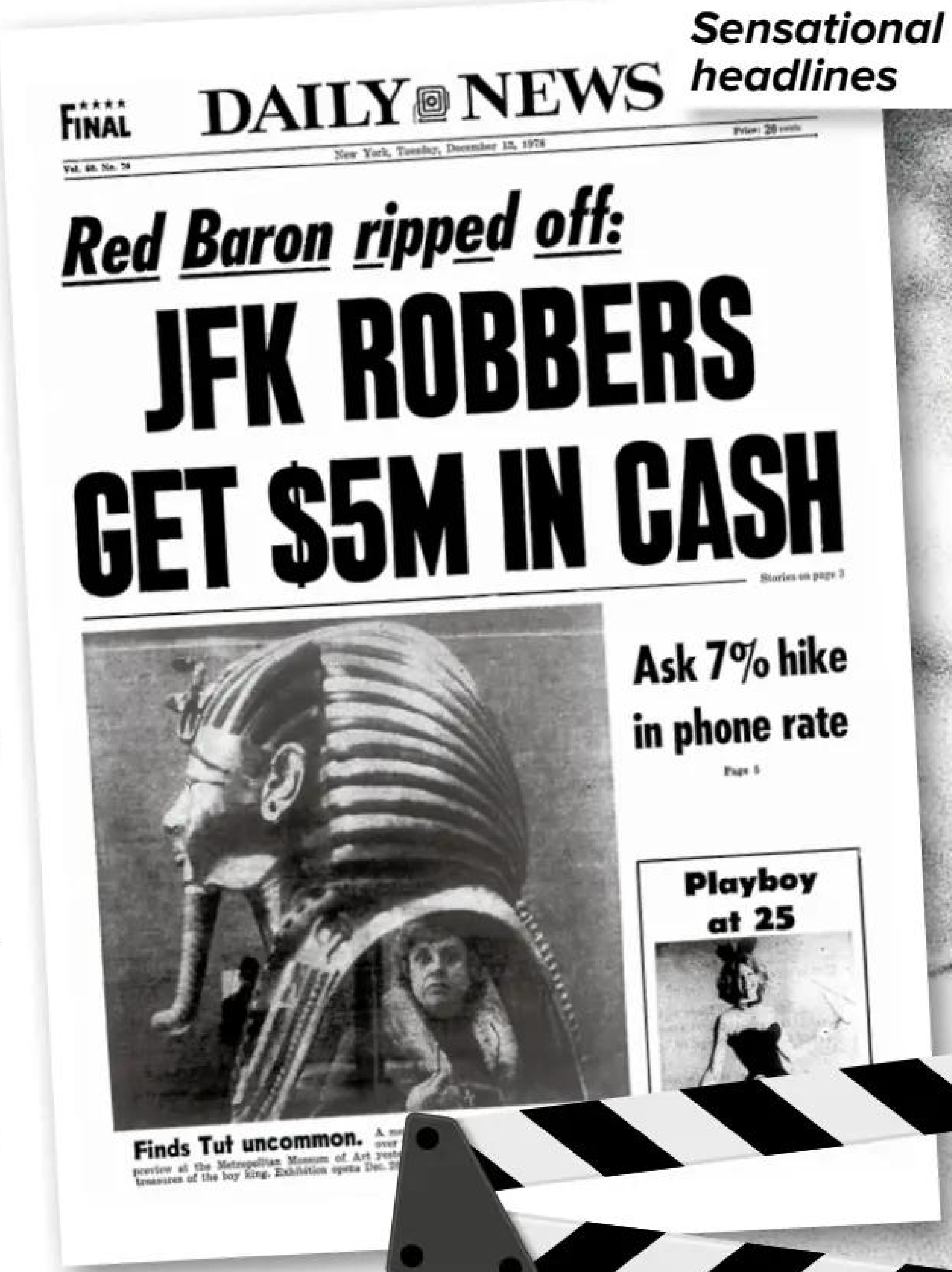
This protection was eventually revoked, after Hill repeatedly revealed his true identity and continued to be involved in crimes involving drugs.

Although organised-crime bosses put a bounty on Hill of more than $1million (around £800,000), he went on to work as a chef and open his own restaurant, and died of natural causes, aged 69.

And so it seems those involved in the Lufthansa heist will never face justice – no one directly involved with the robbery was ever sentenced. And, to this day, the whereabouts of the stolen cash and jewellery remain a mystery.

The crime became the basis for Nicholas Pileggi's book *Wiseguy*, the story of Henry Hill and his life in the mob, and provided the plot for 1990 film *Goodfellas*.

The huge heist, it seems, remains an enduring tale...



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New York, Tuesday, December 12, 1978

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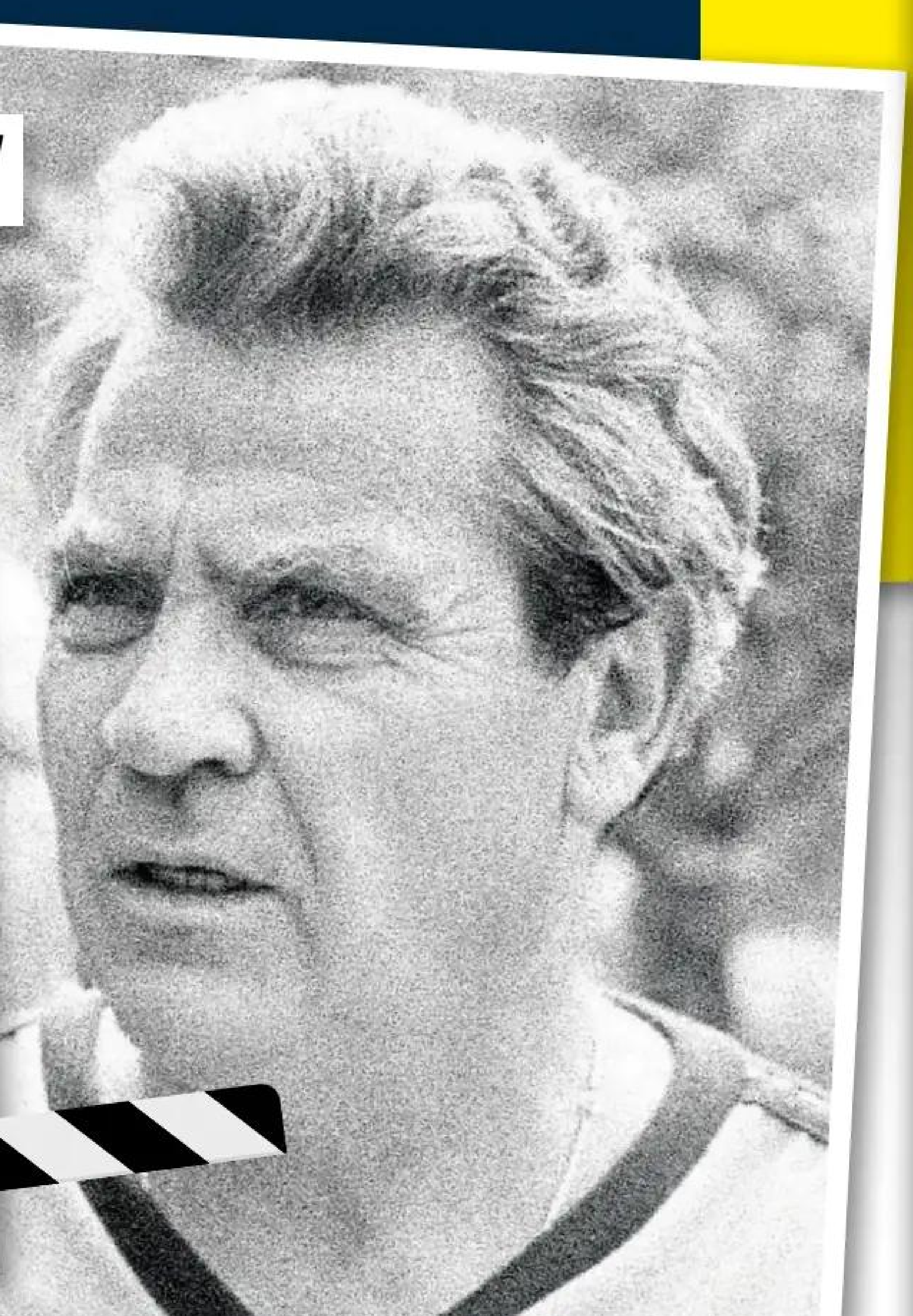

James 'Jimmy the Gent' Burke

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STOP DID YOU

An employee from JFK airport shows FBI agents where he and others were tied up during the heist

THE MOVIE TAKE...

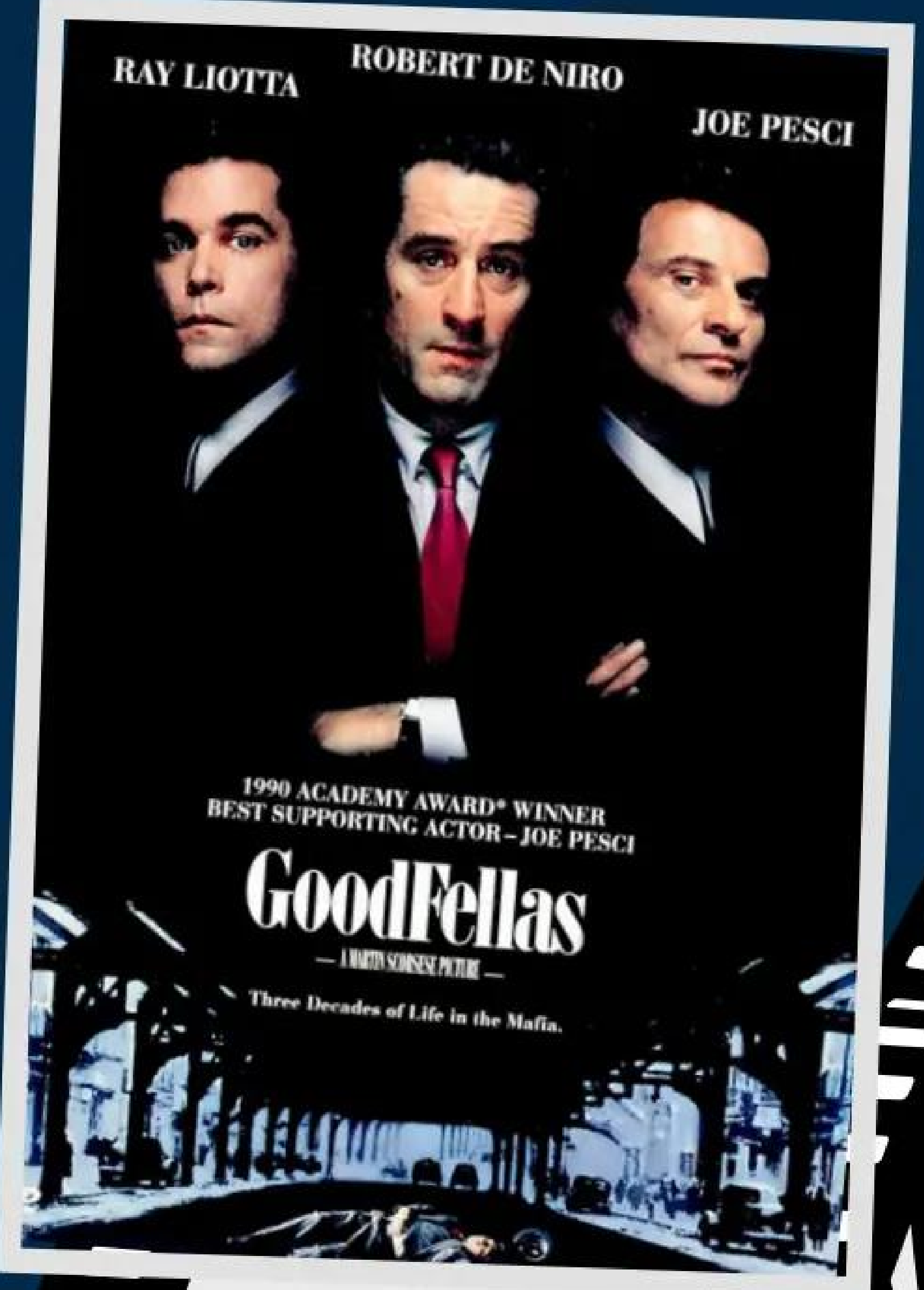
The 1990 film *Goodfellas*, directed by Martin Scorsese, is based on a true story and Pileggi's novel *Wiseguy*.

It follows local-boy-turned-gangster Henry Hill (played by Ray Liotta) and his friends, Tommy Devito (Joe Pesci) and James Conway (Robert De Niro.)

As they work their way up in the crime world, Hill must choose either to keep going to get the life he wants, or to turn in Tommy and Jimmy to save himself.

The film was nominated for six Academy Awards and won Best Film and Best Director at the BAFTAS in 1990.

It is widely regarded as one of the greatest films in the gangster genre, with films and TV series emulating its style, including cult classic *Pulp Fiction*.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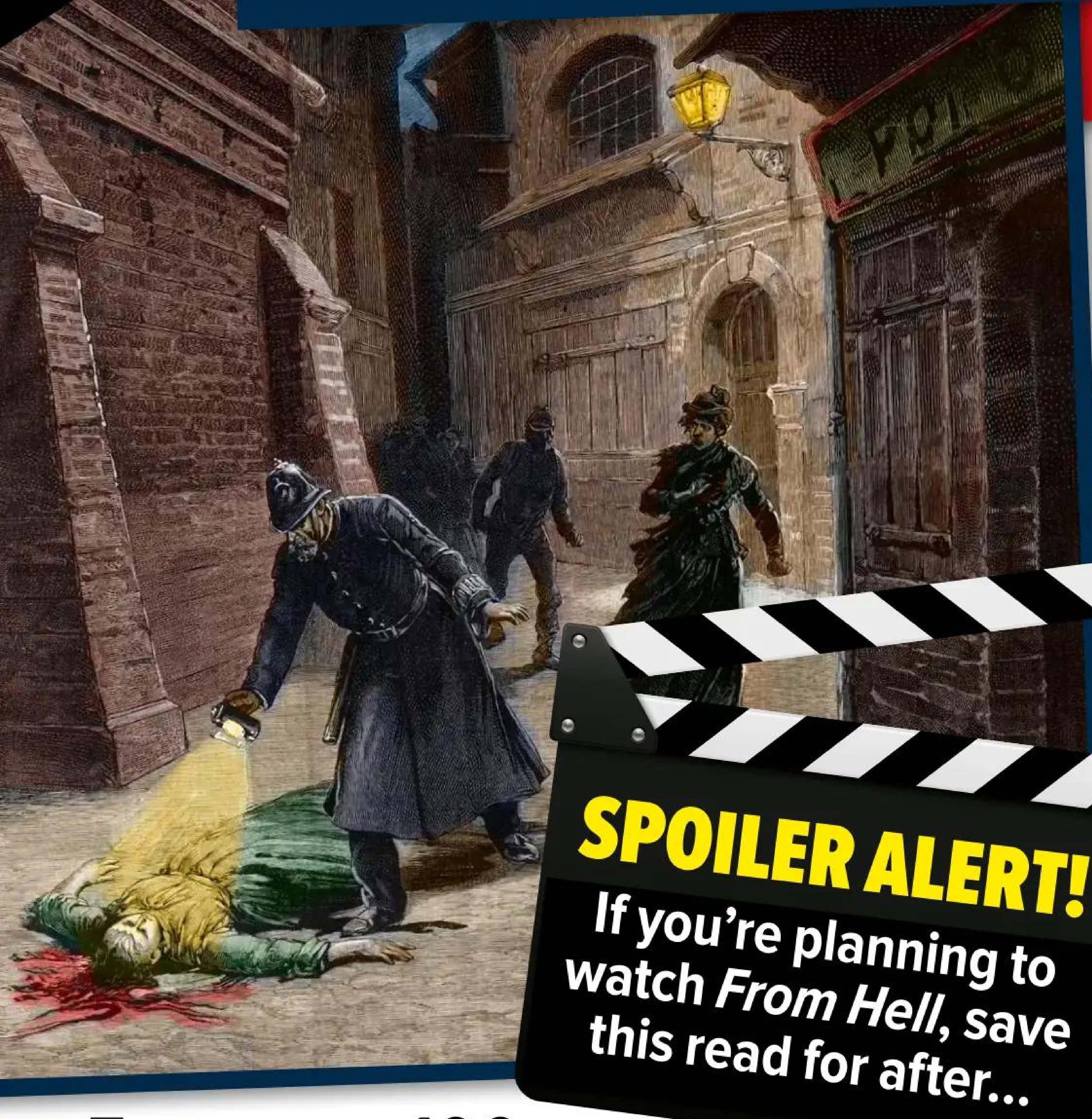
JACK THE RIPPER



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If you're planning to watch *From Hell*, save this read for after...

Even over 100 years later, the mystery of Jack the Ripper remains unsolved

Words: Lianne La Borde. Photos: Getty

Jack the Ripper, Leather Apron, The Whitechapel Murderer... All are nicknames for one of the most infamous, violent serial killers in British history.

It all started in the early hours of 31 August 1888, at the end of one of the wettest summers in memory.

At 3.40am, two cart drivers heading to work in Whitechapel, east London, stumbled across the body of a woman lying in the doorway of a horse stable on Bucks Row.

The victim was local prostitute Mary Ann Nichols – known to friends as Polly.

A mother-of-five who was separated from her husband, she drifted from workhouse to workhouse, drinking and often sleeping rough.

Polly's skirts were pulled up around her waist. She'd been stabbed, mutilated and almost decapitated, and had hideous incisions in her abdomen.

She was the first known victim of the killer dubbed 'Jack the Ripper'.

The next was Annie Chapman, whose body was discovered on 8 September at a scene even more grotesque than the first.

Annie was found in Hanbury Street at 5.30am. Her skirt was pulled up, her throat and abdomen had been slashed, her uterus removed, and her intestines pulled out.

Police believed they were searching for a vicious, yet skilled, killer. The nickname 'Jack the Ripper', referred to the way the women's bodies were slashed open.

Inspector Frederick Abberline was put in charge of the Ripper investigation as, for three months, the killer stalked the streets of east London, terrifying residents – particularly prostitutes.

Fear mounted when, on 30 September, there were two victims in one day – Elizabeth Stride in Dutfield's Yard and Catherine Eddowes in Mitre Square.

The Ripper had cut Elizabeth's throat right back to her spine.

Inspectors believed a cart pulling into the yard had disturbed the killer in the midst of mutilating her.

And so, with the urge to murder and mutilate not fully satisfied, the Ripper targeted

Did the skilled methods used point to a doctor..?

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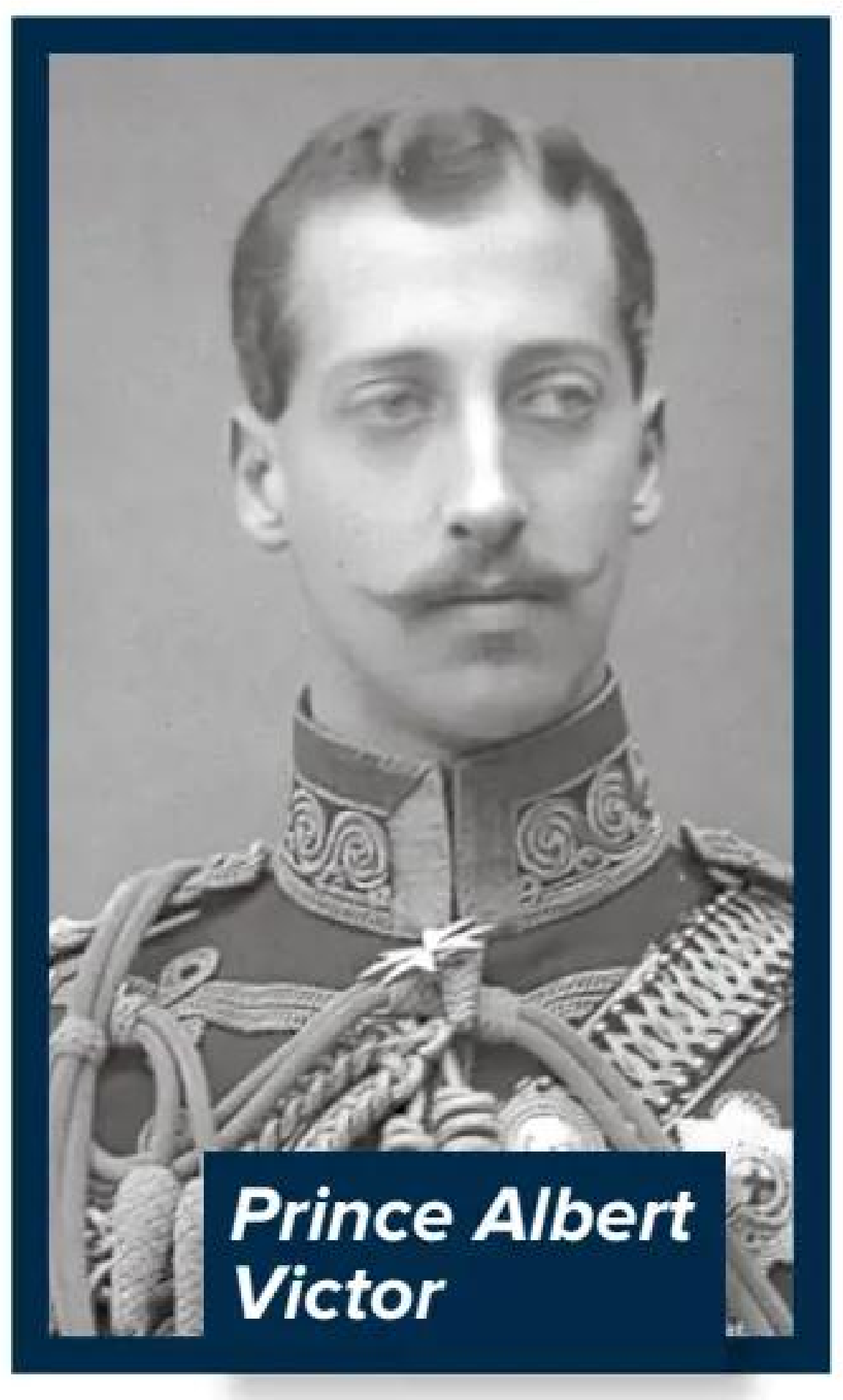
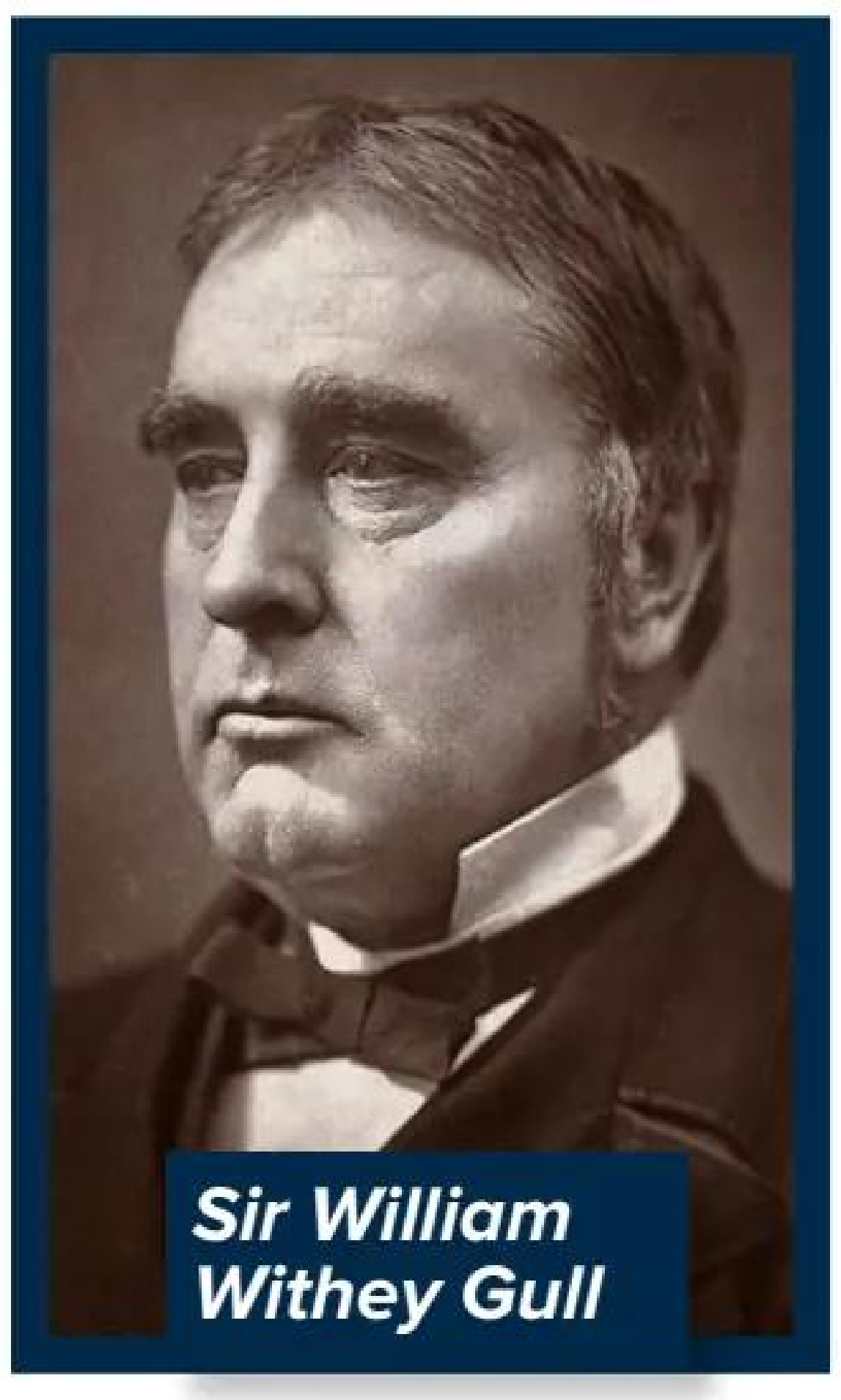


Prince Albert Victor



Sir William Withey Gull

Mutilated victims: Annie Chapman...

Mary Ann Nichols...

...and Elizabeth Stride

Catherine, removing her left kidney and part of her uterus.

Speculation about the killer's identity was rife. Did the skilled methods used point to a doctor, a slaughterman or a butcher?

On 9 November 1888, Mary Jane Kelly was found.

Her murder was even more brutal than those that had gone before. Her mangled body was found inside 13 Miller's Court – a Whitechapel slum.

Her breasts had been sliced off, her heart cut out, her face hacked to pieces, and her entire abdominal cavity gouged out.

Mary Jane was the last known victim of Jack the Ripper, who never struck again – at least, not in Whitechapel.

Few clues had been left at the crime scenes. And Victorian-era forensics were very limited, with breakthroughs still a century away.

Some witnesses claimed to have seen the Ripper with his victims in the dingy London streets. But their descriptions were too varied to be reliable.

The investigation dried up, and so began decades of intense theorising and speculation.

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Different historians, criminologists, crime writers and theologists all came up with their own theories about who the perpetrator might be, including Queen Victoria's grandson Prince Albert Victor, surgeon Sir John Williams, physician Sir William Withey Gull and painter Walter Sickert.

Inspector Abberline's main suspect was Polish hairdresser George Chapman, who'd changed his name from Severin Antoniovich Klosowski after immigrating to England.

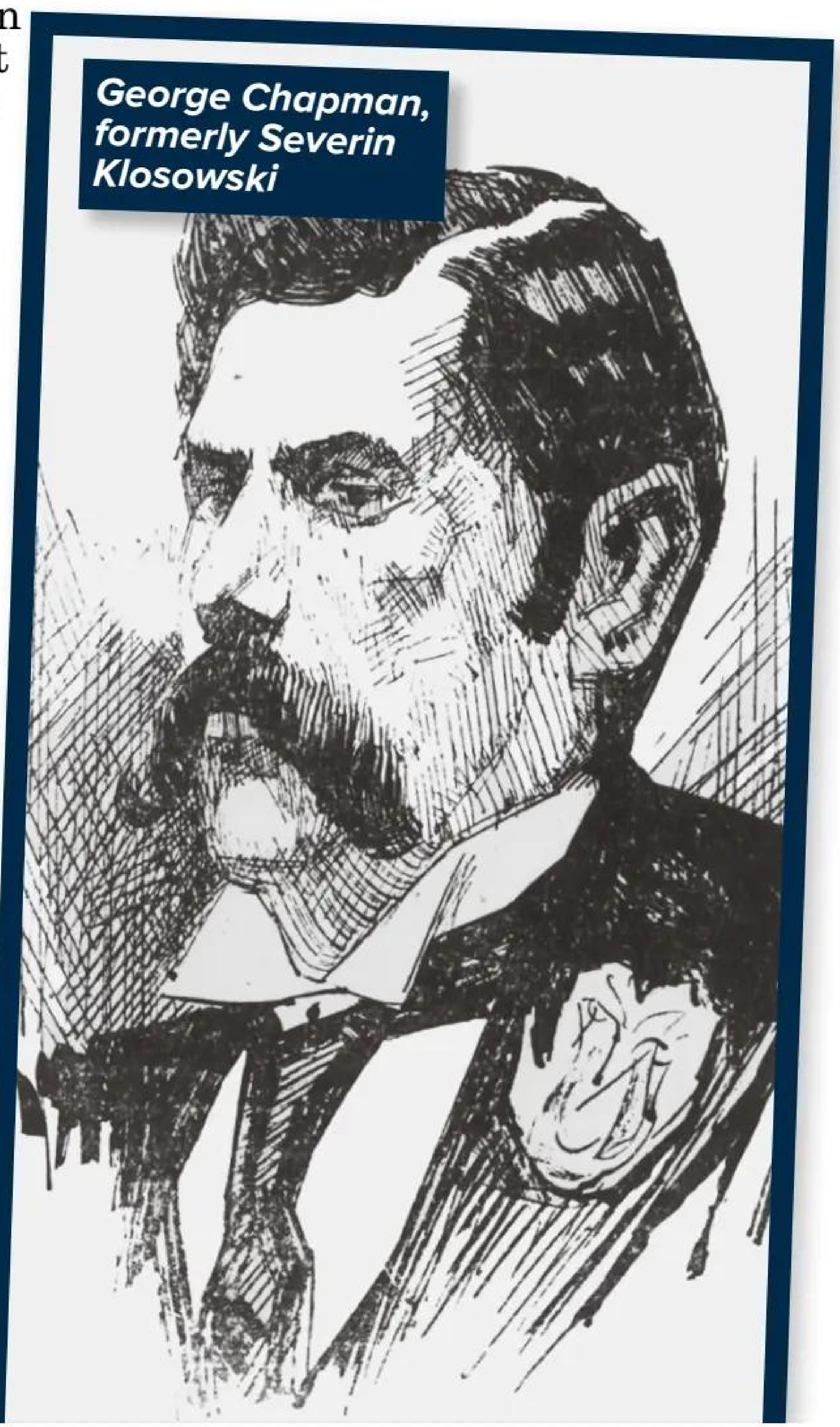
Chapman arrived in Whitechapel in the same year the horrific murders began.

He was executed in 1903 for poisoning a former mistress – but no evidence was found that linked him to the Whitechapel murders.

None of the endless theories have ever been proven. And today, nearly 130 years on, the story of Jack the Ripper remains one of the world's most infamous cases of unsolved murder.

It's unlikely the killer's true identity will ever be uncovered.

Instead, it remains the stuff of nightmares.



George Chapman, formerly Severin Klosowski

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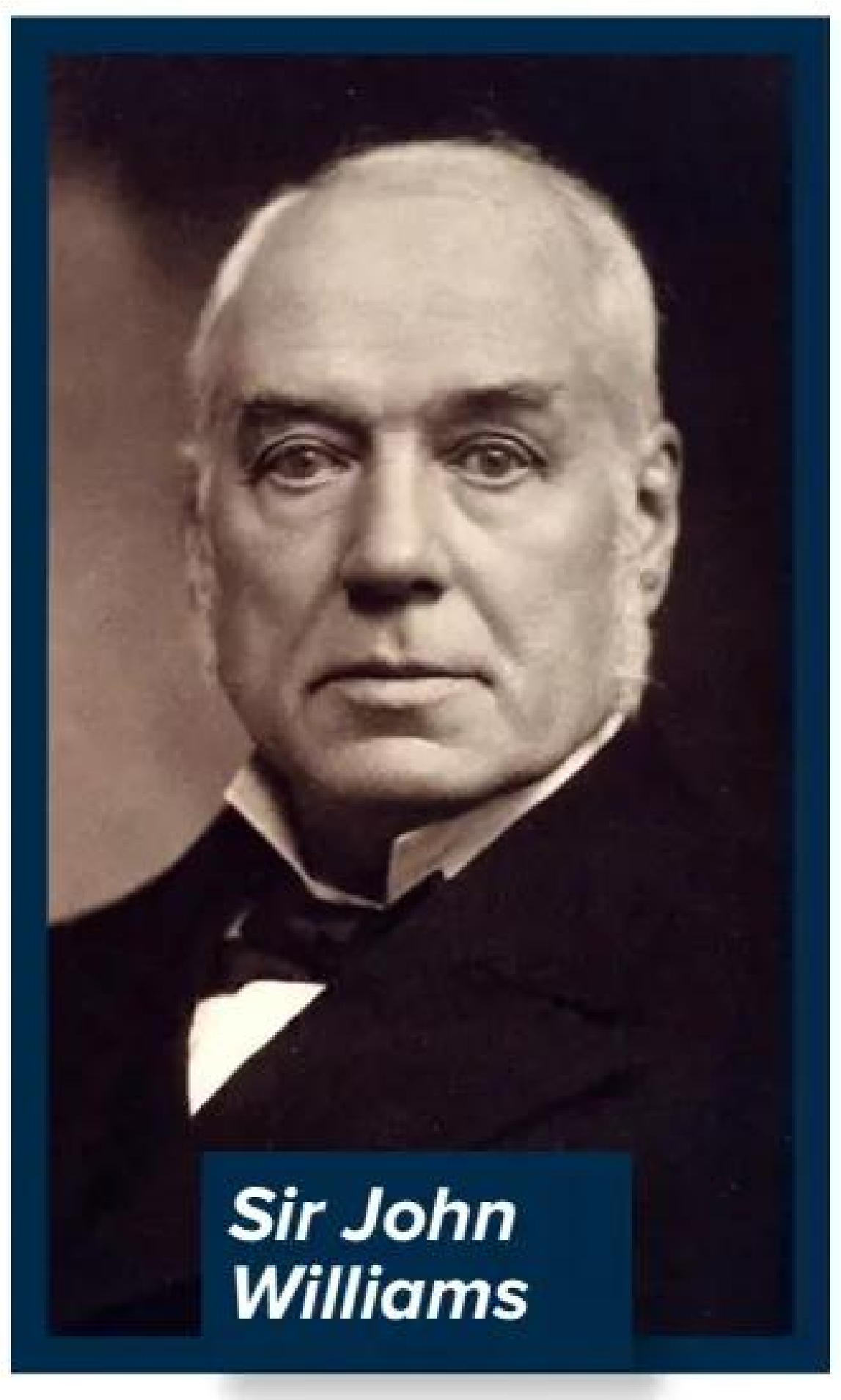


Sir John Williams

The movie take...

Hollywood's 2001 movie *From Hell*, starring Johnny Depp, was loosely based on the graphic novel of the same name.

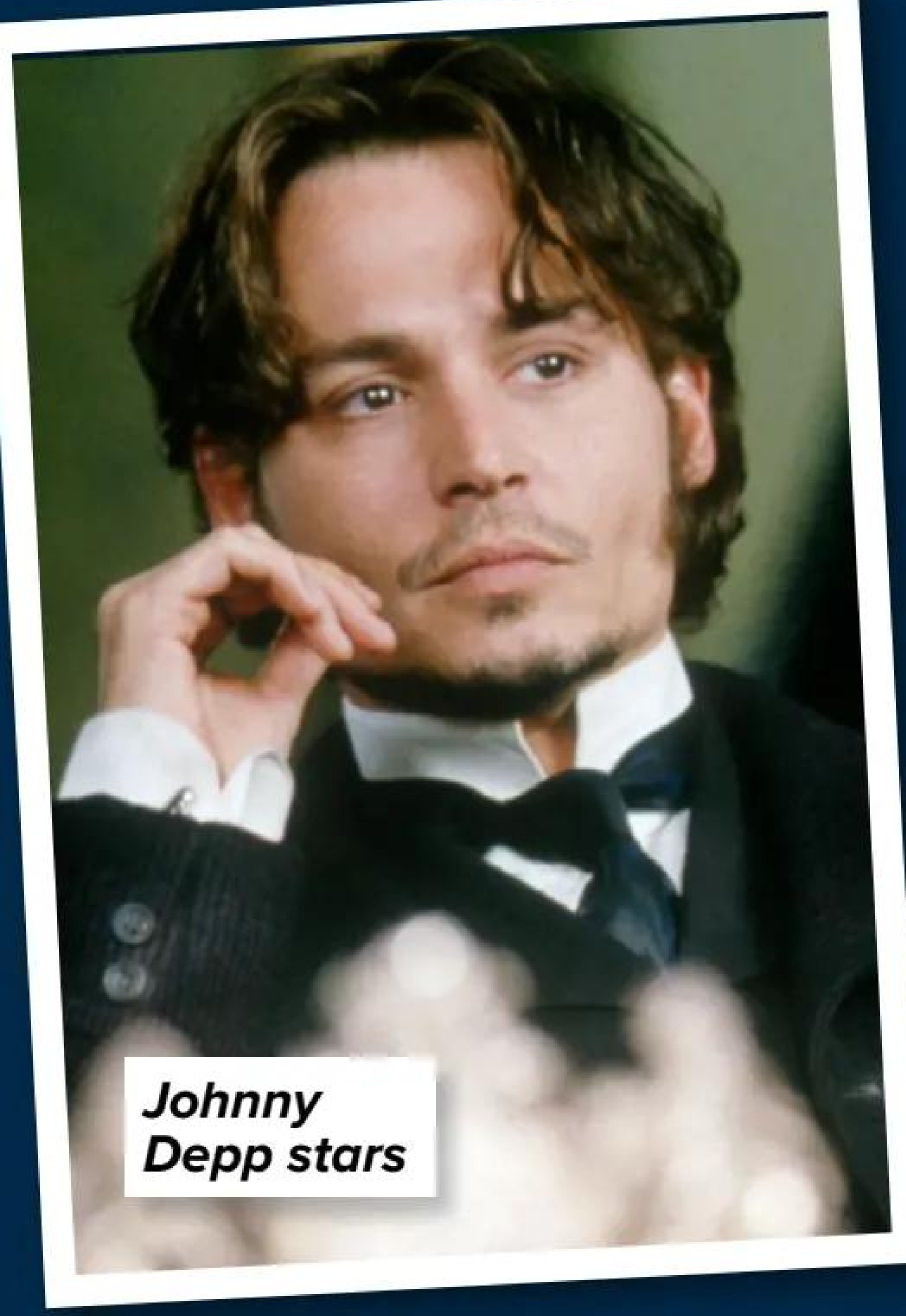
Depp plays Inspector Abberline, and Heather Graham plays Mary Kelly.

In real life, Abberline was convinced George Chapman was the killer. But the movie combines several famous theories, with royal surgeon Sir William Gull finally revealed as the killer.

In the film, Gull, at the behest of the Royal Family – and along with other Freemasons – conspires to kill witnesses to painter Albert Sickert's taboo marriage to prostitute Ann Crook, who bore him a daughter, Alice.

Sickert is really Queen Victoria's grandson Prince Albert, so Alice is heiress to the throne.

Several characters are loosely based on real-life people, but the film's producers used much artistic licence...



Johnny Depp stars

CATCH M IF YOU CA

The con artist whose outlandish exploits baffled the authorities for years

Words: Lianne La Borde. Photos: Alamy/PA Photos/Getty Images

Frank Abagnale Jr is recognised as one of the best con artists and fraudsters in history.

And he achieved it all before his 21st birthday.

Born in April 1948, in New York, Frank Jr was close to his businessman father and would tag along to business dealings.

At 15, he concocted his first scheme.

Frank Sr had given his son a credit card to buy petrol. Instead, he used it to 'buy' car products, then convinced the attendants to give him cash.

He was caught when his father received the huge bill.

Horrified, his French mother sent Frank Jr to a school for wayward boys.

Shortly after, Frank Sr's business went under and his parents divorced.

Devastated, Frank Jr, 16, ran away from home.

Because of his young age, he struggled to get jobs. Yet, he looked much older than 16.

So he altered his date of birth on his driving licence to make himself 10 years older.

He also exaggerated his education, but still struggled.

Desperate, he resorted to cheque fraud.

He'd open bank accounts using false names, write out cheques, and disappear before they bounced.

> **He'd move on before the FBI could pick up the trail**

Before long, he'd written hundreds of bad cheques, and also started forging them.

Realising it was easier to cash the cheques if he dazzled bank staff, he scammed himself a Pan American Airlines uniform, began impersonating a pilot.

He forged a pilot's ID and licence, discovered he could hitch rides all over the world.

His forgeries spilled over the million-dollar mark, and the FBI launched an investigation.

The Press nicknamed Abagnale 'the Skywayman'.

He'd cash forged pay cheques, move on to the next city before the FBI could pick up the paper trail.

After a few close calls, Abagnale fled to Atlanta, Georgia, where he took on another alias, as a doctor.

He forged qualifications, got hired as a paediatrician in a hospital.

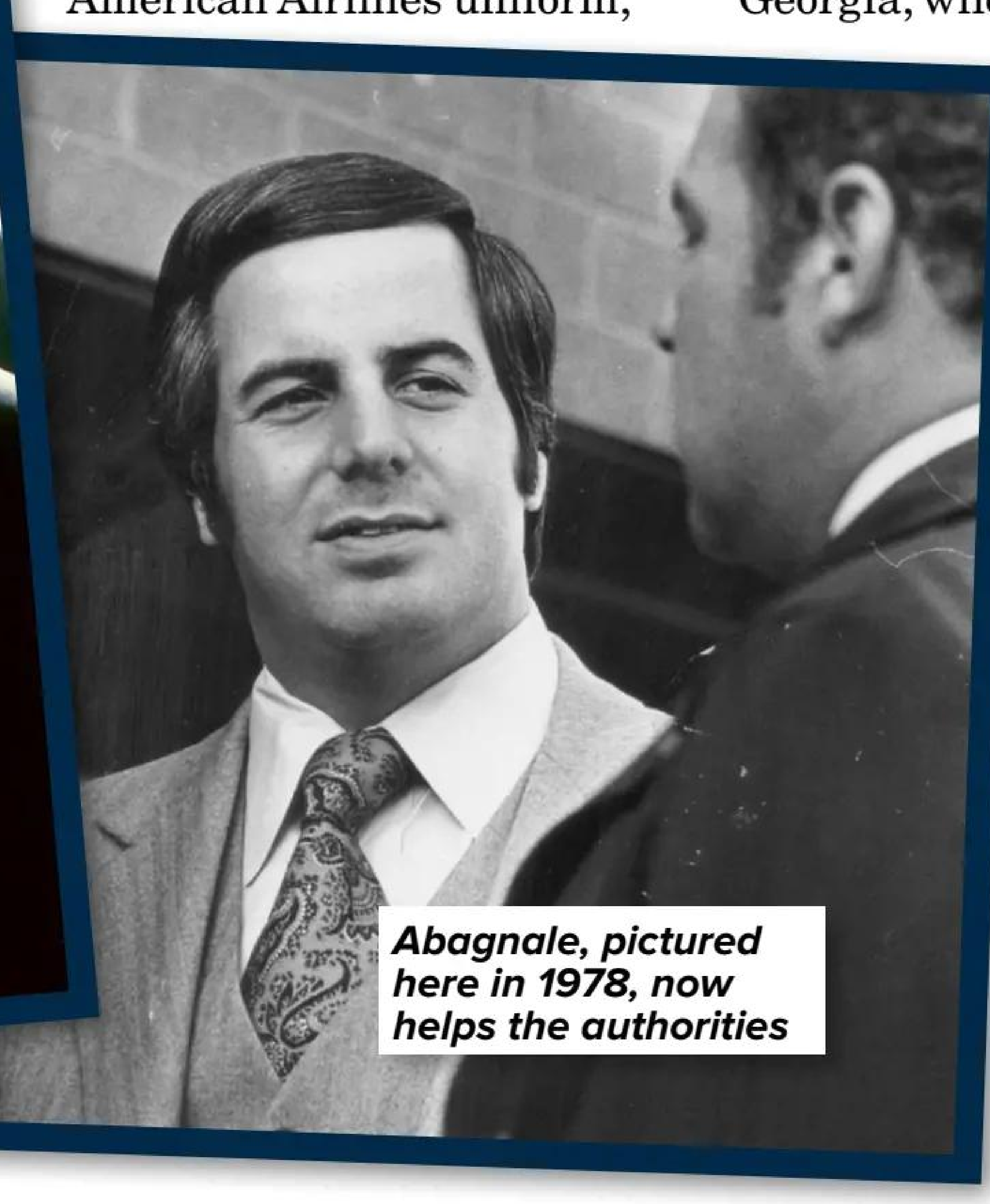
Supervising interns, he managed to fake his way through shifts.

But when a baby nearly died, he left.

Next, he travelled to Louisiana, forged a Harvard Law degree, and actually passed the bar exam.

Abagnale

Actor DiCaprio meets the man himself!



Abagnale, pictured here in 1978, now helps the authorities

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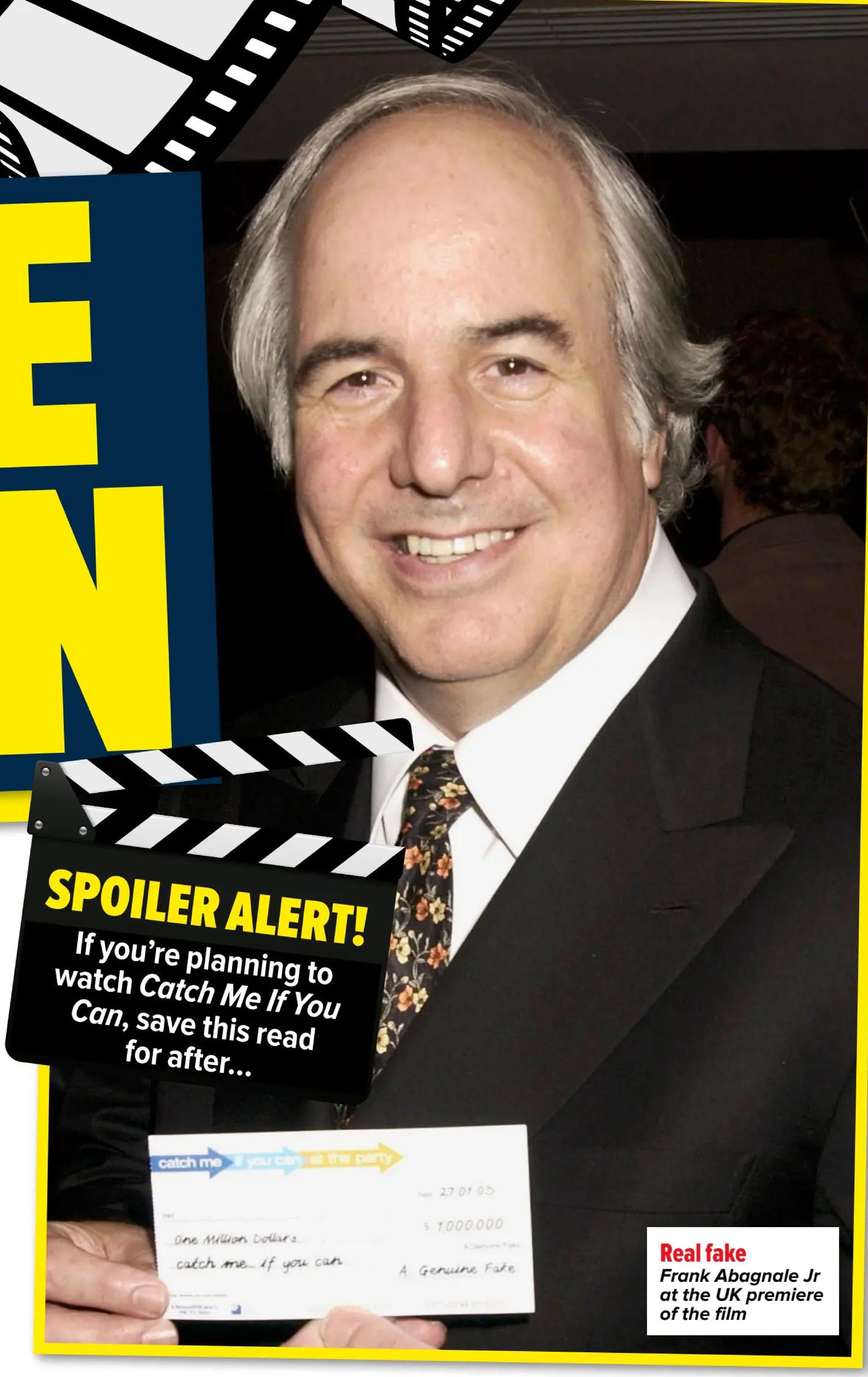


Real fake
Frank Abagnale Jr at the UK premiere of the film

worked for the Attorney General for eight months – but, moved on when a real Harvard graduate asked questions.

For the next two years, he bounced from job to job, forging cheques to get by.

He had a taste for the ladies, too, and at one point hired several as air hostesses – as cover while he travelled the world.

Abagnale's past finally caught up with him when he settled in France in 1969. A former stewardess recognised his face on a wanted poster.

Then 21, Abagnale was arrested, spent six months in a French prison. He spent another six months in a Swedish jail before being deported to the US.

Despite escape attempts, Frank Abagnale Jr was jailed for 12 years for forgery. Over five years, he'd forged $2.5million (around £2million) in cheques, and used eight aliases.

After serving five years, he was paroled on the condition he helped the FBI hunt down fraudsters. Frank Abagnale Jr continues to assist the authorities, and has become one of the world's most respected authorities on fraud and forgery.

In his book *Stealing Your Life,* he calls his past a 'foolish teenage infatuation with perpetuating swindles'.

> **He forged $2.5million in cheques, and used eight aliases**

The movie take...

Steven Spielberg's Oscar-nominated *Catch Me If You Can* (2002), stars Leonardo DiCaprio as Frank Abagnale Jr. It's based on Abagnale's own 1980 memoir of the same name and, while some events are exaggerated, it follows his actual life between 1964 and 1974.

Tom Hanks is FBI agent Carl Hanratty, who pursues Abagnale. Hanks' character is actually a composite of several FBI agents, including Special Agent Joseph Shea. Similar to Hanratty, Shea first believed Abagnale was an experienced criminal in his 30s, rather than a teenager.

In the film, Abagnale escapes from a plane by removing the toilet and climbing beneath it, then out of a hatch onto the tarmac. This event is in Frank's memoir, but experts claim it would be impossible.

Frank Abagnale Jr has a cameo as a French policeman in the film.

Leonardo DiCaprio stars

AMERICA'S FIRST FEMAL SERIAL KILLE

Discover the shocking story of Aileen Wuornos

On 13 December 1989, Richard Mallory, 52, was found dead in Florida woodland, miles from his car. He'd been shot multiple times.

In June 1990, the naked body of David Spears, 43, was found on Highway 19. He'd been shot six times, and his truck was found days later.

Within days, the body of another naked man, Charles Carskaddon, 40, was found – he'd been shot dead.

Victim numbers were racking up, with bodies found in deserted back-roads, their cars looted and abandoned.

Aged 41 to 60, all had been driving along the Interstates. All were killed with a revolver.

Police were hunting down a serial killer.

On 4 July that year, the car of missing Peter Siems, 60, was found abandoned. His body was never found, but he was presumed murdered.

In August, the body of Troy Burress, 50, was found in woodland. Again, shot dead.

That September, ex-police officer Charles Humphreys, 56, was found dead, shot six times. Then trucker Walter Antonio, 63, was discovered in November, shot four times.

Officers suspected two women were stalking the Interstates, posing as damsels in distress or luring middle-aged men with sex, then murdering them.

Lost victim?
The body of Peter Siems (above) was never found

The idea of a female serial killer at work whipped the Press into a frenzy.

In December 1990, a sketch of a woman was released. She'd been spotted crashing, then abandoning the car owned by Peter Siems.

Some of his belongings were found in pawn shops. Fingerprints on them and in the victims' cars matched a woman on police files. *Aileen Wuornos.*

Her hatred of men intensified until she snapped

Wuornos, then 33, had served time for robbery.

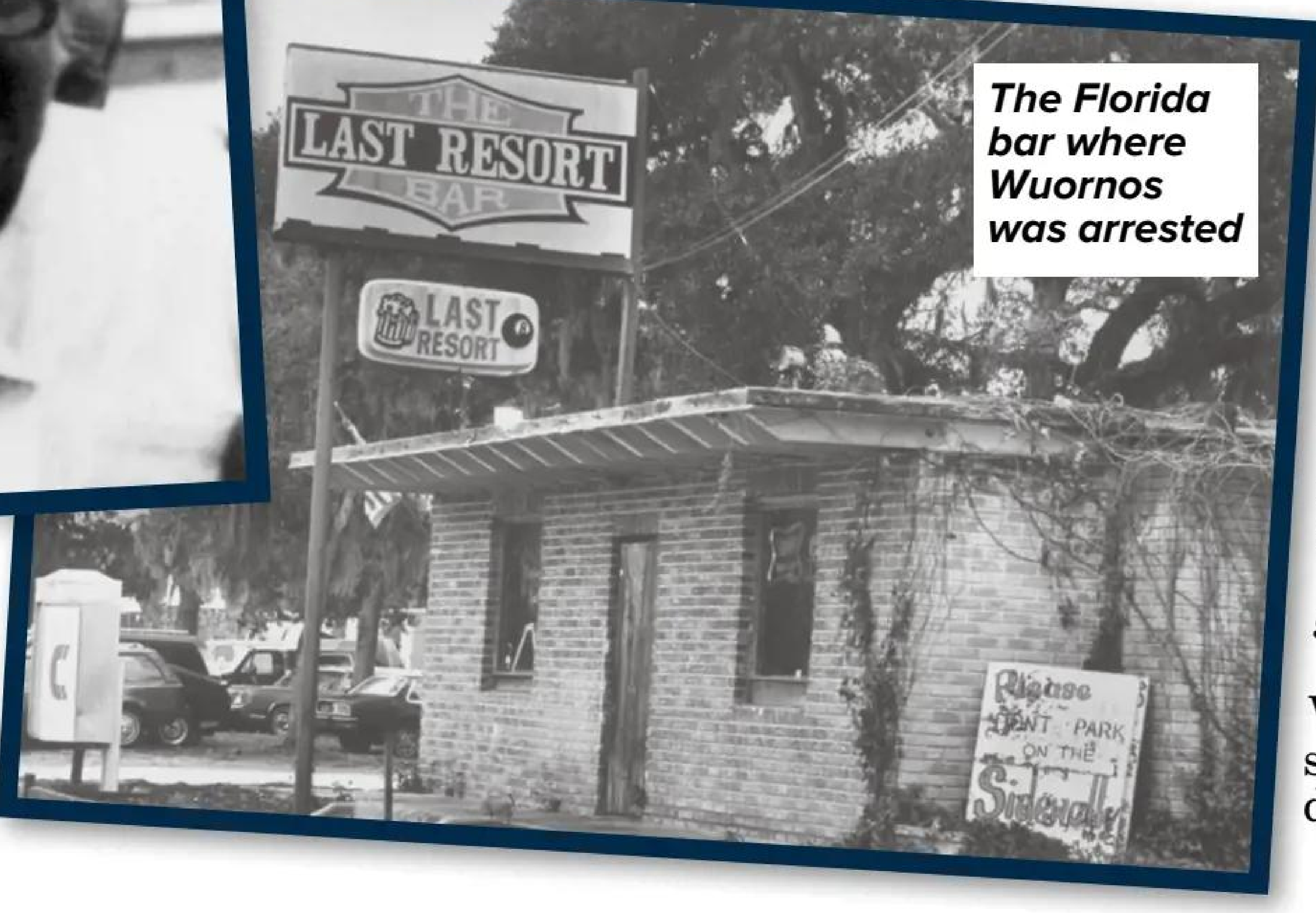
In January 1991, police tracked her down and arrested her in Florida's Last Resort Bar.

Officers also picked up Wuornos' former lover Tyria Moore, 28, in Pennsylvania.

She had left Wuornos months earlier, shocked after spotting the sketch resembling her lover on TV. Moore knew Wuornos had killed, but she'd had no involvement herself.

To avoid prosecution, Moore made a deal, eliciting a taped phone confession from her ex. In it, Wuornos took full and sole responsibility for the slayings.

Wuornos was charged with murder; Moore agreed to testify against her.



The Florida bar where Wuornos was arrested

The world became obsessed with Aileen Wuornos. If convicted, she'd be America's first female serial killer.

So who was she?

Aileen Wuornos had suffered a disturbing

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Shackled
Wuornos was sentenced to death

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childhood. Born on 29 February 1956 in Rochester, Michigan, she'd been abandoned as a toddler by her teenage mother.

Her father killed himself while in prison for raping a 7-year-old girl.

Raised by her grandparents, Wuornos was beaten by her grandfather. She'd been sexually assaulted, raped by a family friend.

By 11, she was exchanging sexual favours for drugs, cigarettes and food, and was pregnant by 13.

She gave up the baby for adoption, and was thrown out by her grandfather.

Desperate, Wuornos made her way to Florida, where she began prostituting herself on the highways.

In spring 1986, she met Tyria Moore in a bar in Daytona, and they started a relationship.

Selling sex to support them both, Wuornos' hatred of men intensified until she snapped, killing client Richard Mallory, and triggering her ruthless murder spree.

On trial for Mallory's murder, she claimed he'd tied her up, raped her, and she'd killed him in self-defence.

Moore testified, and Wuornos was found guilty. She was sentenced to death.

She eventually pleaded guilty to murdering five other men, and received five more death sentences.

Outside court, she also admitted killing Peter Siems.

After 12 years on death row, on 9 October 2002, Aileen Wuornos, 46, was executed by lethal injection, saying chillingly, 'I'll be back'...

Tyria Moore testifies against Wuornos

The movie take

The successful 2003 movie *Monster* is the semi-fictional account of Aileen Wuornos' deadly rampage...

Charlize Theron won the Best Actress Oscar for her eerily accurate portrayal of Wuornos.

She put on 30lb for the role, and, with the help of prosthetic make-up, was made to look uncannily like Wuornos.

Yet legal issues prevented producers using Tyria Moore's real name, so they incorporated some dramatic licence.

Instead, Wuornos' lover in the story is Selby Wall, and is played by Christina Ricci, who looks nothing like her real-life counterpart.

Selby is a petite brunette, while Moore was a plump redhead with missing teeth.

The film-makers also employed poetic licence in the portrayal of the two women's relationship, and of all the murders except Richard Mallory's, which is considered to be accurately drawn.

Theron as Wuornos

THIS IS THE ZODIAC SPEAKING...

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The infamous and mysterious serial killer case that remains open to this day

On 1 August 1969, a letter arrived at the offices of the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

In it, a killer boasted he'd murdered three teenagers in northern California.

The first were Betty Lou Jensen, 16, and David Faraday, 17. The couple had been huddled in a car near Lake Herman at 11.15pm on 20 December 1968, when the car was peppered with bullets.

Then, in July 1969, Darlene Ferrin, 22, and Michael Mageau, 19, were parked in the Blue Rock Springs Golf Course, Vallejo.

The killer pulled up, got out of the car and opened fire.

Michael survived, describing the attacker as 5ft 8in, heavy-set.

Almost identical letters had been sent to two other local newspapers.

To prove this, I shall state some facts which only I and police know, the killer wrote.

He then described the crime scenes, weapons, position of the bodies.

10 shots fired. Boy was on back, feet to the car, he wrote of the Lake Herman murders.

Boy was also shot in knee, he wrote of Michael Mageau.

The letters contained coded ciphers he claimed contained clues to his identity, along with a demand they be printed on the front page.

Or he'd spend the weekend killing.

The ciphers were printed – yet not on the front page.

The threatened murders didn't happen, but on 7 August another letter arrived.

Dear Editor, this is the Zodiac speaking… it read.

It provided more details of the murders – and the killer had given himself a name.

The Zodiac.

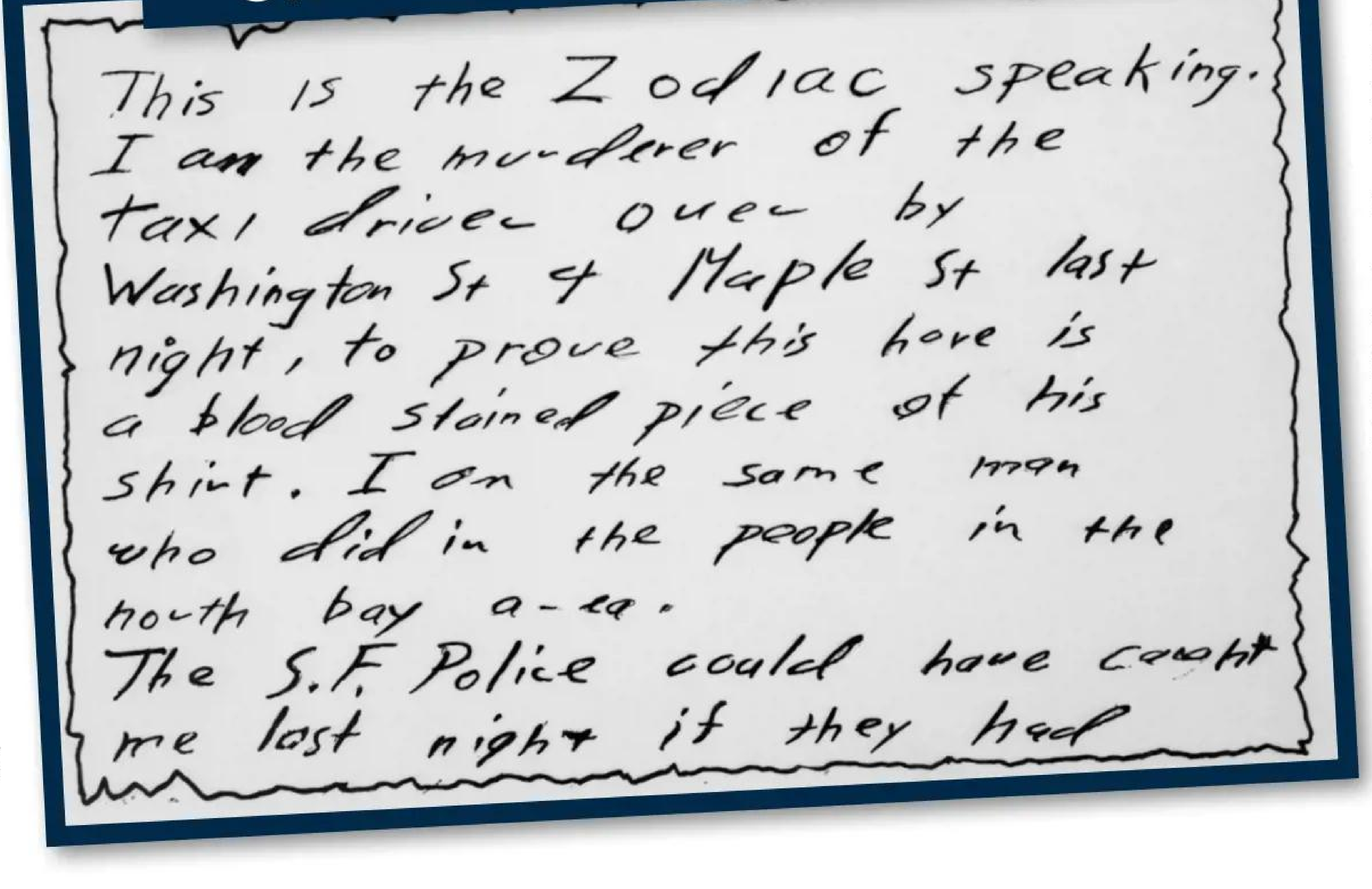
Two days later, one of the ciphers was cracked by an amateur cryptographer. It revealed a rambling message on the joys of murder.

I like killing people because it is so much fun, it read.

The unknown serial killer was taunting police, too. Hours after the Blue Rock Springs shootings, an anonymous caller had reported the crime to police, also confessing to the Lake Herman murders.

In September 1969, Bryan Hartnell, 20, and Cecelia Shepard, 22, were enjoying a picnic by Lake Berryessa when they were held at gunpoint by a man wearing a strange executioner-type hood.

One of the letters received



This is the Zodiac speaking.
I am the murderer of the
taxi driver over by
Washington St & Maple St last
night, to prove this here is
a blood stained piece of his
shirt. I am the same man
who did in the people in the
north bay area.
The S.F. Police could have caught
me last night if they had

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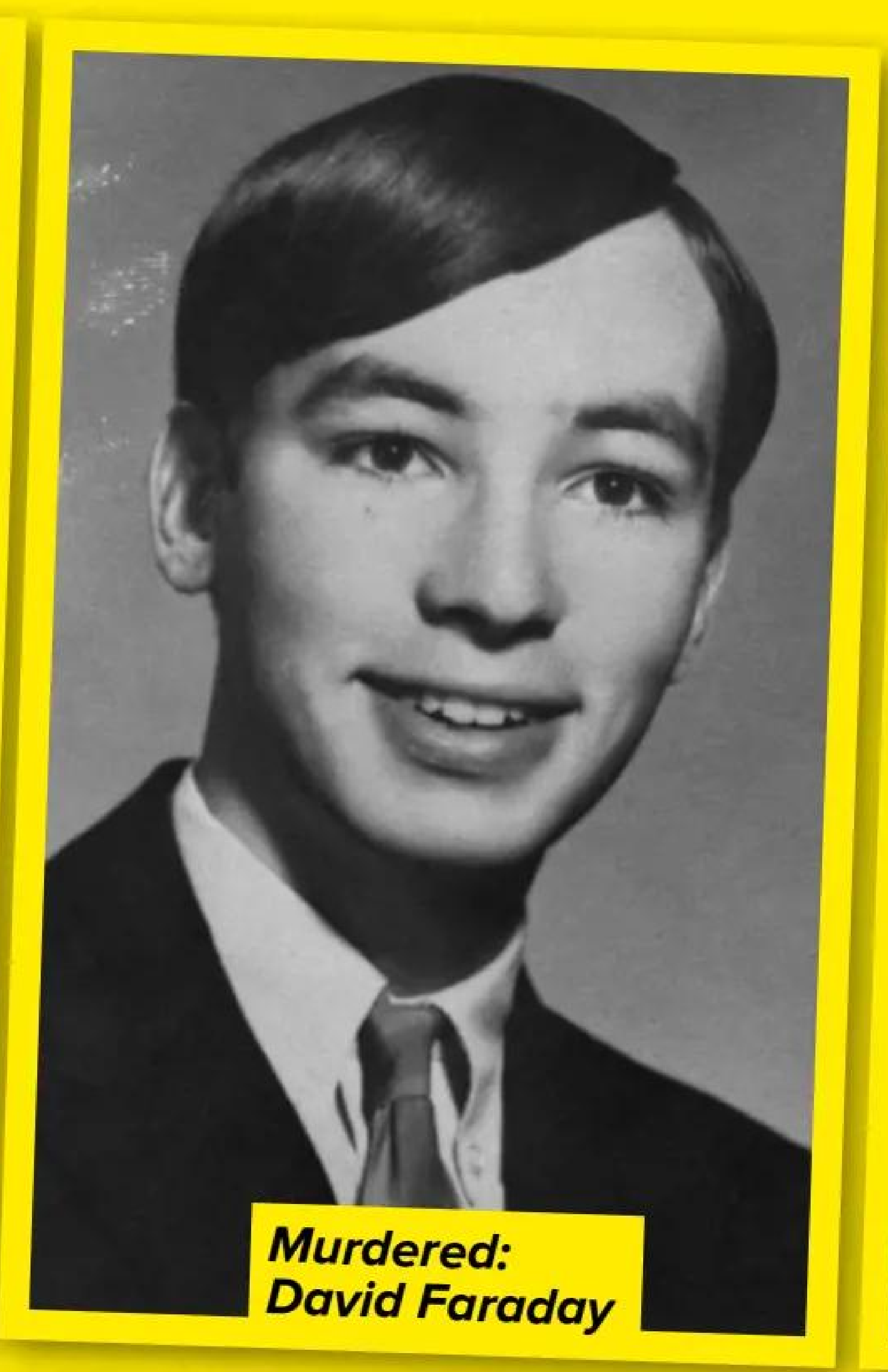
Murdered:
Betty Lou Jensen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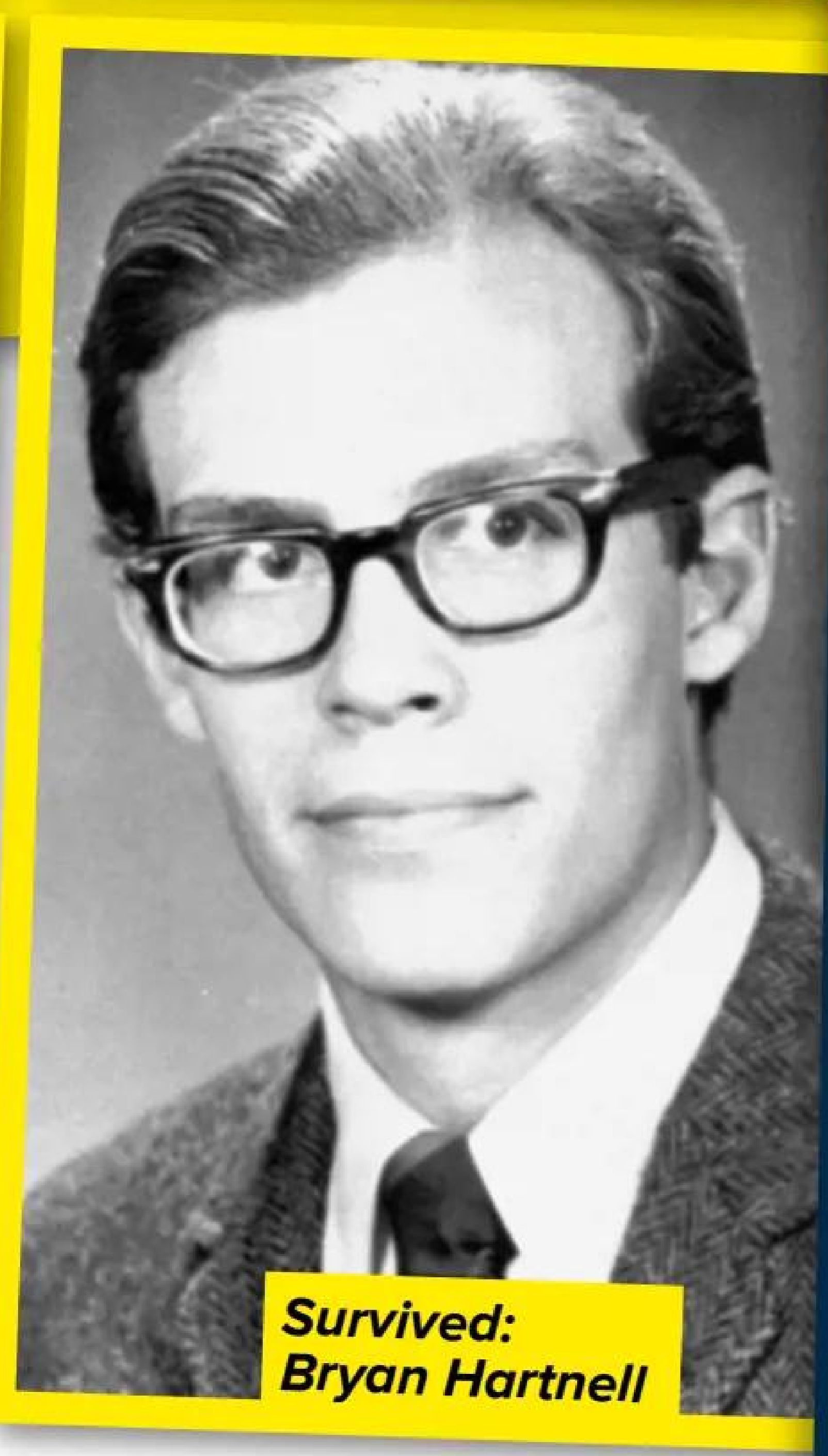

Survived:
Bryan Hartnell

He had a symbol on his chest – a circle intersected by a cross, like the crosshairs of a gun.

The man demanded money and their car. But after tying them up, he stabbed them with a knife.

Before he left, he drew the same symbol on the car door, and an inscription ending with the words *by knife*.

Again, police received an anonymous call from a man admitting to the attack.

Bryan miraculously survived and was able to describe his attacker.

As the driver approached a junction, he was shot in the head

The people of San Francisco and its suburbs lived in fear.

It was believed the Zodiac killer was targeting young lovers meeting in secluded areas.

But then, on 11 October, taxi driver Paul Stine, 29, picked up a man who gave an address in Presidio Heights, San Francisco.

Only, as the driver approached a junction, he was shot in the head by his passenger.

A blood-soaked section of his shirt was torn off. Two days later, part of this was sent to the *Chronicle*, along with another letter from the Zodiac killer.

Then there were notes containing threats of bombs, explosions and the slaughter of schoolchildren. This led to widespread fear and panic.

The Zodiac continued to taunt the media and the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD). Sending letters, maps, ciphers, threats.

And claiming responsibility for more murders. He'd sign off letters with a number – thought to indicate his tally of victims.

Zodiac – 12, SFPD – 0.

Murders carried out earlier in the 1960s were rumoured to be his work. Yet, Paul Stine was the last confirmed victim of the Zodiac.

Police interviewed many suspects, but only seriously investigated one – Arthur Leigh Allen, who maintained his innocence.

The last known letter was postmarked 29 January 1974. Despite attempts of military-grade cryptographers, only one of the ciphers has ever been cracked. Scores of researchers are still investigating the murders.

Yet the Zodiac case remains unsolved, and it was closed in April 2004, only to be opened again in 2007.

The number of the Zodiac's victims remains unknown.

But his final letter was signed: *Zodiac – 37, SFPD – 0.*

The movie take...

The 2007 film *Zodiac* was based on the 1986 book of the same name, written by Robert Graysmith.

Graysmith was a cartoonist working at the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and he became obsessed with tracking down the Zodiac killer.

***Zodiac* follows Graysmith, played by Jake Gyllenhaal, *Chronicle* reporter Paul Avery, played by Robert Downey Jr, and Inspector David Toschi, played by Mark Ruffalo, as they each search for the truth.**

Graysmith's book was based on actual case files and his own experiences. However, in the film, Avery and Graysmith strike up a friendship at the paper.

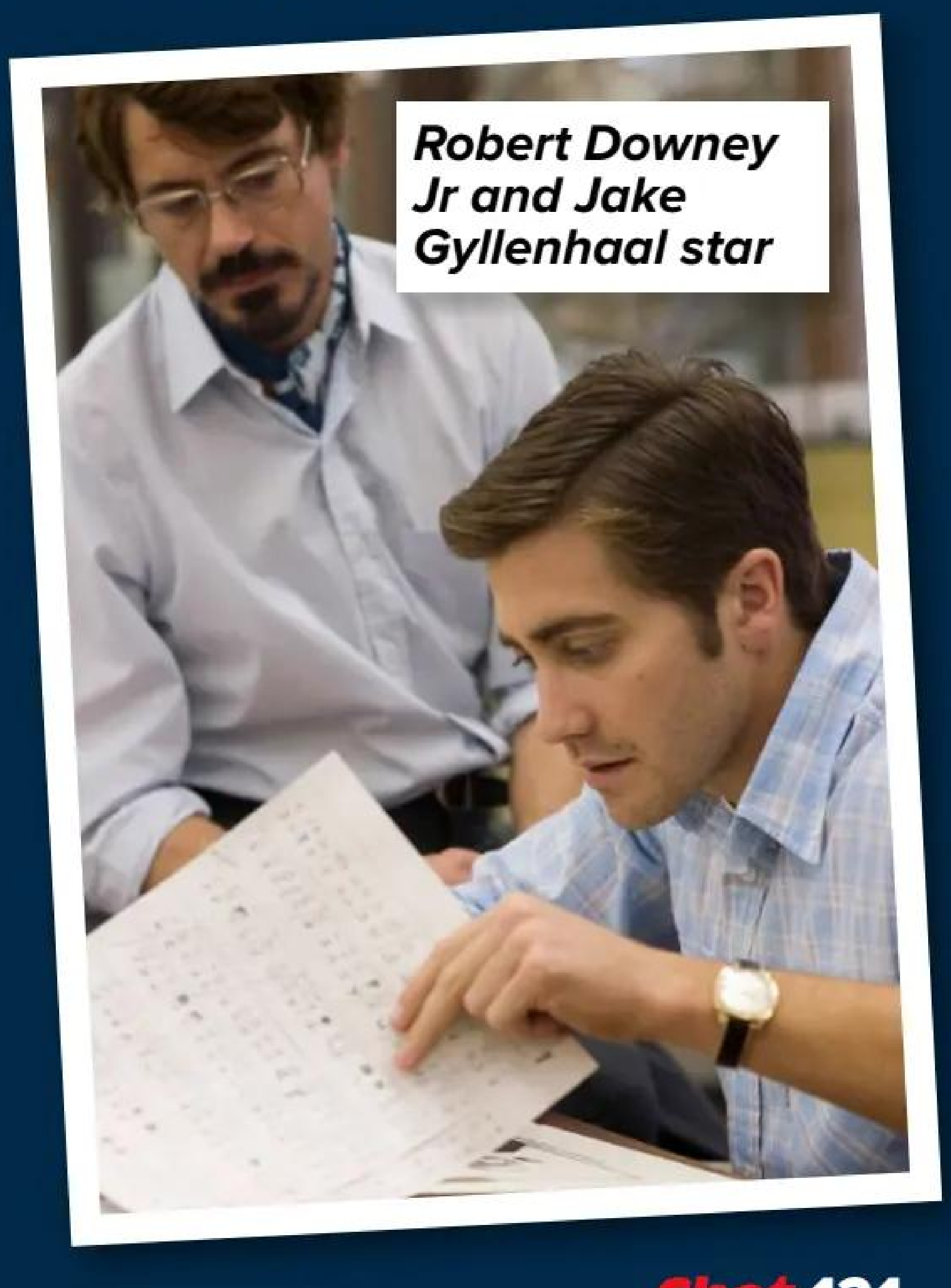
In reality, they didn't meet until after they had both left the *Chronicle*.

The identity of the Zodiac remains a mystery.

But *Zodiac* focuses on Graysmith's own theories – particularly Arthur Leigh Allen as a main suspect.

Post-film text explains Allen died in 1992, and a 2002 DNA test on a partial DNA sample from a postage stamp on one of Zodiac's letters didn't match him.

But he was never ruled out as a suspect.


Robert Downey Jr and Jake Gyllenhaal star

ICE-COLD KI MACHINE

How an undercover operation finally put hitman 'The Iceman' behind bars

Kuklinski hears the verdict in 1988

Dragged up in an abusive home, Richard Kuklinski had a rough start in life.

So, when he married Barbara and they had a son and two daughters, he made sure his perfect family wanted for nothing.

A world away from his own childhood.

There were annual trips to Disneyland and barbecues by the pool. They drove expensive cars and the children went to private school.

All the neighbours could see was an idyllic, middle-class family.

Richard even helped at church, volunteering as an usher every Sunday at Mass.

And at Christmas, no expense was spared.

The best toys for the children, whatever gift Barbara desired…

But two weeks before Christmas 1985, Richard couldn't resist a quick job.

He was a hard-working businessman, after all.

He said goodbye to his family, braved the winter chill and hopped on the bus, heading into Manhattan.

There, he waited for the perfect moment, before jumping from the shadows.

For he later claimed to be part of the team who then fired fatal shots into rumoured Mafia boss Paul Castellano, outside Sparks Steak House.

The sweet family life, the church, the generous persona, was all a facade.

He would stash bodies in industrial freezers

He was paid for killing people – and his loving wife had no idea who the real Richard Kuklinski was.

A deadly hitman for hire.

After the Castellano hit, Kuklinski ditched his gun and coat and returned home to New Jersey to watch his family wrapping presents.

Another year, he'd headed out on Christmas Eve, killing a target on a bridge, then coolly returning home to finish building his kids' toys, ready for the morning.

Over the years, he claimed to have killed many men.

He'd laced burgers with cyanide, strangled victims, and was happy to pull a trigger.

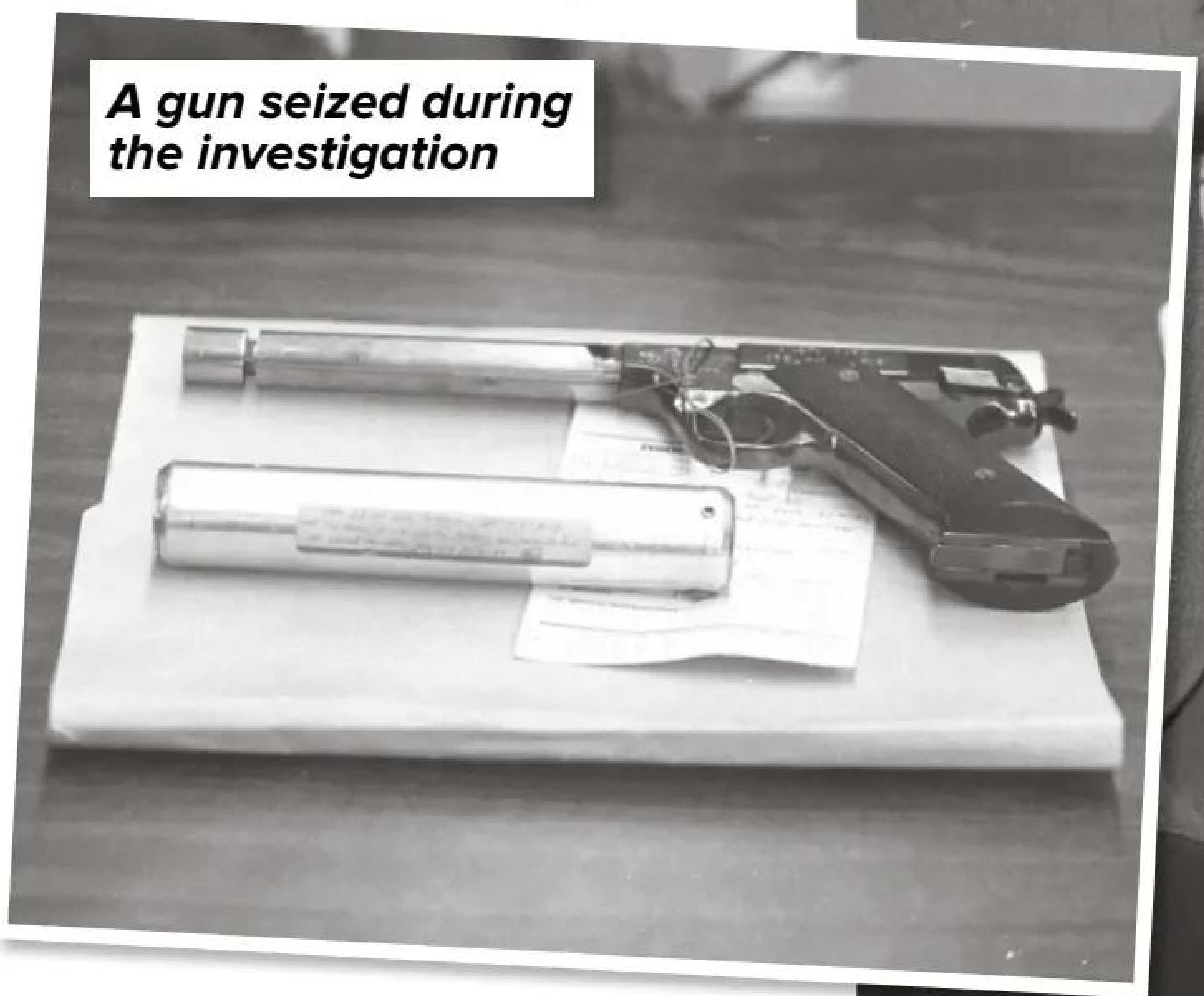
He'd stashed bodies in industrial freezers, thwarting cops' efforts to get any forensic evidence to nail the killer.

With the bodies frozen, sometimes for years, then dumped miles away, it was near impossible for police to figure out who'd done it, where – or even when.

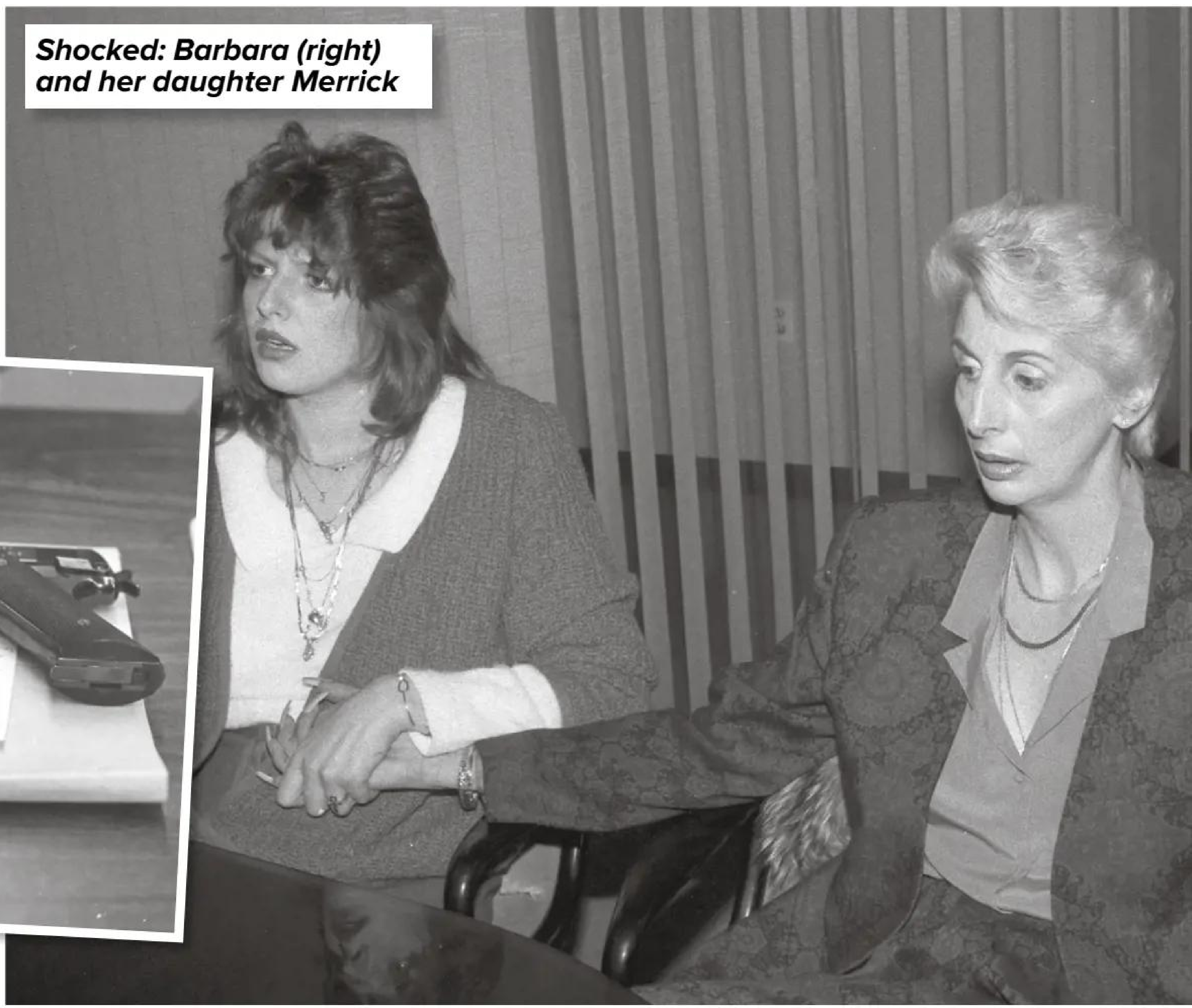
And that's how Richard Kuklinski earned his nickname: The Iceman.

His life of crime had begun way before his picture-perfect family life.

In a bid to escape his poor upbringing, he'd turned to petty crime as a youth.



A gun seized during the investigation



Shocked: Barbara (right) and her daughter Merrick

Mafia bosses who spotted his

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The hitman (centre) in police custody

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theft skills had put him in charge of hijacking trucks, eventually paying him to murder people they wanted off the scene.

Kuklinski refused to harm women or children, but grew more elaborate in killing men, often doubling his fees by torturing victims first.

He'd kill for money – and he'd also kill for fun.

Once, he'd left his victim to die in a cave, eaten alive by rats.

He'd filmed the sickening act to prove he'd done as bosses asked and claim the larger fee.

But Kuklinski's luck would finally run out, as police started trailing him.

They waited for their moment to catch the man they'd long suspected.

A week before Christmas 1986, Richard and Barbara Kuklinski were driving to their usual breakfast spot, the Seville, when Richard spotted a line of unmarked black cars closing in on them.

The police.

He pulled sharply onto the kerb, before officers swarmed around the car, one pointing an automatic weapon in his face.

Kuklinski's evasion of the law was up.

Despite all his years of crime, Barbara had no idea her husband was involved in anything untoward.

Detective Pat Kane came to her and said simply, 'He's a murderer.'

Richard Kuklinski was arrested and eventually convicted of five murders.

At the age of 52, he was sentenced to life in prison.

After his convictions, he confessed to murdering at least 100 more people, the first when he was just 14 years old.

For three decades, he'd killed for profit or revenge, although it's thought he'd embellished some stories.

Now, he was getting his comeuppance, destined to die behind bars.

And that he did, passing away from a rare and incurable blood disorder, aged 70, in March 2006.

THE MOVIE TAKE...

Set in the 1960s, *The Iceman* (2012) stars Michael Shannon as Richard Kuklinski and Winona Ryder as his wife Barbara.

It follows the chilling development of Kuklinski's career, and his apparently normal family life.

He starts off working in the porn industry, before being taken on by mobster Roy DeMeo (Ray Liotta). From there, he learns the craft of freezing bodies, with freelance killer Robert Pronge (Chris Evans).

Directed by Ariel Vromen, the film led to reporters seeking out the real-life Barbara, who told them she refused to watch it.

But the movie was a hit, and if you're a fan of a Mafia drama, it's a definite must-see.

Michael Shannon stars

THE KRAY TWINS

The notorious gangster brothers who terrorised London's East End

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Identical twins Reggie and Ronnie Kray knew what they wanted to be when they grew up – either boxers or villains.

They'd been brought up bare-knuckle fighting and, by 16, already had their own gang in London's East End.

They were soon caught brawling with rivals.

Throughout their teens, they enjoyed success in the ring, but were in and out of trouble.

When they were jailed for skipping their National Service, it ended their boxing careers.

So the Krays committed themselves to a life of crime.

In 1954, then 21, they took over a run-down snooker hall.

When another gang tried to extract protection money from them, Ronnie attacked them with a cutlass.

Their gang, The Firm, ran protection rackets, carried out armed robberies, hijackings, extortion…

Reggie was smart and charming, while Ronnie was strong and short-tempered.

Both were vicious.

Word quickly spread of their capacity for violence and the Kray twins became a dominant force in London's East End.

Fascinated by movie mobsters, they loved to look the part, dressing in expensive suits.

By 1957, The Firm was a mix of London heavies, Scottish hard men, and bent businessmen happy to carry out the Krays' dirty work.

That year, Ronnie was jailed for 18 months for GBH, diagnosed schizophrenic and sent to Broadmoor.

Reggie was cleared, and continued to build their empire, buying up clubs that had been mysteriously firebombed.

By the time that Ronnie was released, the Krays owned or had stakes in over 30 clubs.

Now Ronnie ran things when Reggie was sent down for demanding money with menaces.

In the 1960s, the Krays moved into more up-market territory in the West End.

They acquired gambling club Esmeralda's Barn in Knightsbridge, frequented by celebs.

The twins were as comfortable rubbing shoulders with stars and politicians as they were in the London underworld.

In fact, they revelled in their notoriety as glamorous gangsters, and were regularly photographed with the likes of Judy Garland, Frank Sinatra and Barbara Windsor.

Reggie married Frances Shea – and Ronnie, who was openly gay, was his best man.

They had allies and allegiances across London.

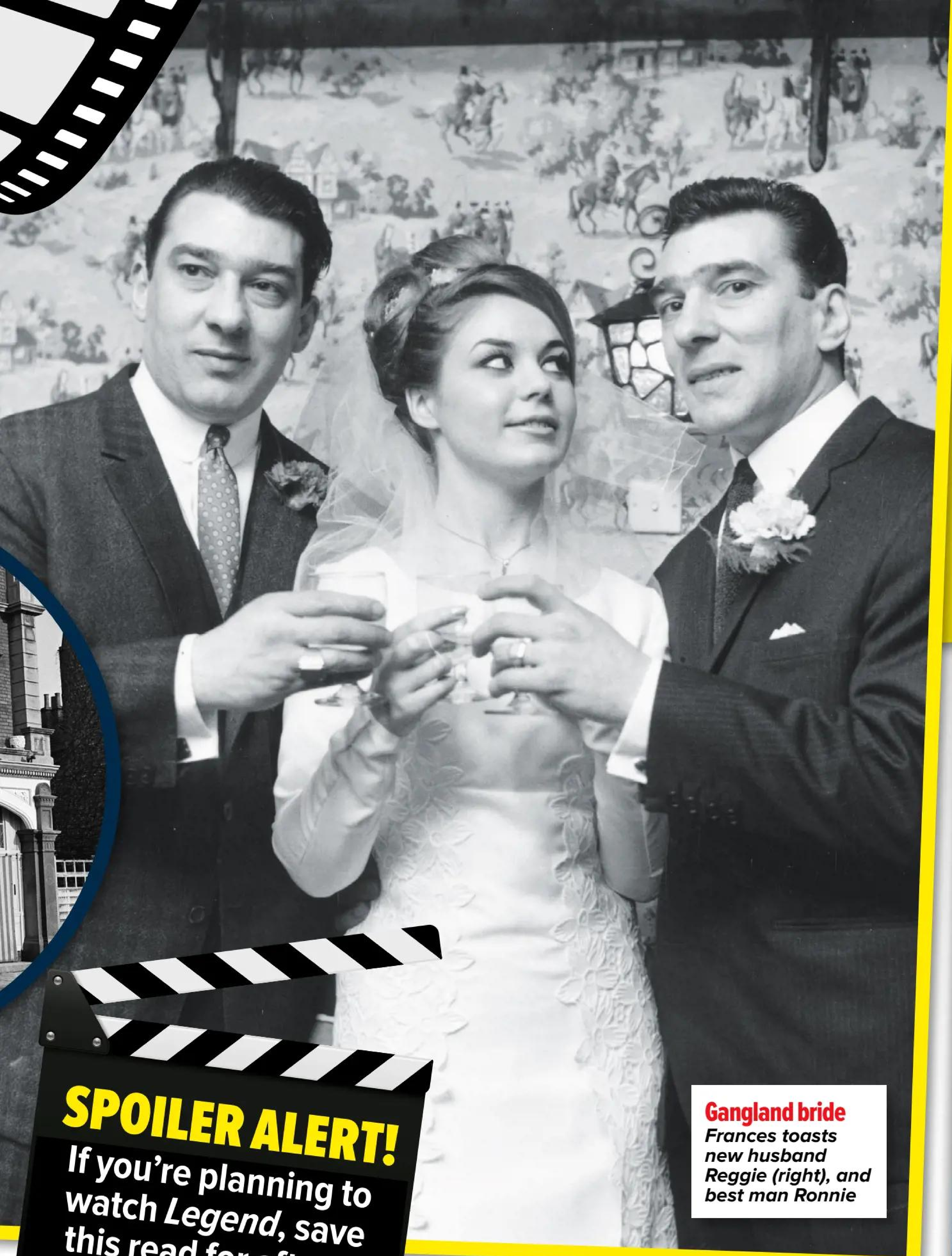
But, in March 1966, Ronnie walked into the Blind Beggar pub in Whitechapel and shot

BLIND BEGGAR
THE BLIND BEGGAR MILE END GATE

The 'Blind Beggar' pub, scene of a very public murder

With Judy Garland and her husband Mike Herron

Ronnie's knuckleduster



Gangland bride
Frances toasts new husband Reggie (right), and best man Ronnie

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dead old rival George Cornell.

Despite the very public murder, witnesses were too afraid to testify.

But Ronnie's mental health was deteriorating.

Then Reggie's wife Frances committed suicide, leaving him desolate.

Four months on, in October 1967, Firm member Jack 'The Hat' McVitie failed to fulfil a contract to kill the gang's financial advisor.

McVitie was lured to a flat in Stoke Newington for a 'talking to'. Only, Reggie lost it, stabbing him to death in front of numerous witnesses.

The twins thought their reputation made them untouchable, but now the police pursued them doggedly. Many Firm members didn't believe McVitie deserved to die, and gave in to police pressure to inform on the Krays.

In May 1968, Ronnie and Reggie Kray were arrested, charged with murder.

They went on trial at the Old Bailey in front of a packed public gallery, and were both convicted, jailed for life to serve a minimum of 30 years.

Ronnie was certified insane, and locked up in Broadmoor. He died of a heart attack in March 1995, aged 61.

Reggie died five years later, at 66, from bladder cancer.

But Reggie and Ronnie Krays' notoriety lives on.

> **They thought their reputation made them untouchable**

THE MOVIE TAKE...

Gangster film *Legend* (2015), goes back to 1960s Hackney, and the Krays' violent empire.

It's based on the book *The Profession of Violence*, by the Krays' biographer John Pearson.

Tom Hardy plays both twins, and close Kray family friends praised his portrayal. The film shows Ronnie as mentally troubled, Reggie as rational. Yet, in reality, both were violent and unstable.

Friends say Reggie did propose to Frances by climbing a drainpipe to her bedroom window, as in the film, but maintain that a scene in which he abuses his wife wasn't based in reality, and that he was never violent towards Frances.

Tom Hardy plays both Kray twins

CANNIBAL KILLER

Jeffrey Dahmer committed a series of horrific murders over decades

Born in1960 in Wisconsin, USA, Jeffrey Lionel Dahmer was described as a happy child in his early years, but notably became more subdued after double hernia surgery, aged 4.

His family relocated to Ohio in 1966. His parents – chemistry student Lionel and type machinist Joyce – had a tense marriage.

A shy child, Dahmer found it hard to fit in at school. Instead, he enjoyed solitary, strange pursuits – such as dissecting dead animals he'd found in the woods – which his father mistook as his son's scientific interest.

At 14, Dahmer realised he was gay. He turned to alcohol and developed a fascination with murder and necrophilia.

Before he graduated from high school, his parents divorced. The teenager stayed alone in the family home, even after his parents left. It was here that his fascination with murder became more than fantasy.

In June 1978, he lured hitchhiker Steven Mark Hicks, 18, to the house for a drink. There, he bludgeoned Hicks with a dumbbell and strangled him to death.

Dahmer masturbated over Hicks' body, dismembered it, smashed his bones to powder and dissolved the remains with acid.

Dahmer buried what was left of Hicks in the garden.

After high school, Dahmer enrolled at university, but dropped out to join the Army after his alcoholism spiralled. Later, it was revealed he'd raped two soldiers. He was discharged from the Army in 1981 and moved in with his grandmother in Wisconsin.

In 1982, he lost his job – he was a phlebotomist, trained to draw blood from patients for medical purposes – after being arrested for indecent exposure in a park.

In 1986, he got a year's probation when two boys claimed he'd masturbated in front of them.

Then, in 1987, Dahmer killed his second victim, Steven Tuomi, 24. The pair had met at a bar before going back to a hotel. But Dahmer blacked out and awoke the next day to find Tuomi dead.

Dahmer later claimed no memory of it, but said he knew bruises on his fists meant that he was the killer.

He stuffed Tuomi's body in a suitcase and left the hotel room with it. In his grandma's basement, he cut up the body, placing pieces into garbage bags.

He kept the skull for a fortnight and used it for sexual gratification.

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In court: The district attorny points to a list of Dahmer's victims

Dahmer went on to kill another two victims at his grandmother's house.

His grandmother, tired of his alcoholism but unaware of the gruesome crimes – as was the rest of the world – kicked him out in 1988.

The killer moved into an apartment nearby and continued his sick activities.

In September 1989, Dahmer was arrested for sexual exploitation and second-degree sexual assault on a 13-year-old boy.

He pleaded guilty, and while on bail, he drugged and killed 24-year-old Anthony Sears, preserving his head and genitals in jars.

At his trial in May 1989 for the crimes against the 13-year-old, Dahmer got a one-year sentence, but after 10 months, he was granted early release.

Afterwards, Dahmer went on to murder a horrifying 13 more men over two years – many were sex workers or aspiring models, lured to Dahmer's home with the ruse of a photo shoot, before being drugged and killed.

Victim Tony Hughes: lured with notes

One, Tony Hughes, 31,was deaf, so Dahmer wrote him notes offering money for nude photos. At his home, Dahmer killed Hughes and dismembered him four days later.

The killer also attempted

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Dahmer in court

lobotomies, drilling into some victims' skulls while they were still alive. Then he'd photograph them and experiment with chemicals to dispose of them. Dahmer even ate the flesh of some.

But Dahmer wasn't caught until July 1991. Thirty-two-year-old Tracy Edwards agreed to go back to Dahmer's house to pose for nude photos, but he noticed a foul smell and boxes of hydrochloric acid. Edwards punched Dahmer and fled, contacting the police.

On searching Dahmer's apartment, they found photos of dismembered bodies. The killer tried to flee, but was arrested. The police then discovered a severed head in the fridge, other preserved body parts and seven skulls.

'For what I did, I should be dead,' Dahmer told the police.

He admitted killing 17 men, dismembering them and also performing necrophilia on some. Some of his victims' remains were never found.

Despite being diagnosed with borderline personality disorder and schizotypal personality disorder, the prosecution argued that Dahmer was aware of the evil nature of his acts.

Was he aware of the evil nature of his acts?

In February 1992, Jeffrey Dahmer was found guilty but sane, on 15 counts of murder he'd committed in Wisconsin. He was given 15 consecutive life sentences.

In May, he was given another life sentence for the murder of Steven Mark Hicks in Ohio.

In prison, Dahmer became a born-again Christian. He gave interviews about his gruesome past and kept in regular contact with his parents, telling his mother he felt indifference about being in prison.

But in 1994, while on cleaning duty in Columbia Correctional Institution, Dahmer was attacked with a metal bar by a fellow inmate, who'd confronted him about his crimes.

The killer who'd taken so many lives was rushed to hospital, but later pronounced dead, aged 34.

He had no funeral service.

THE MOVIE TAKE...

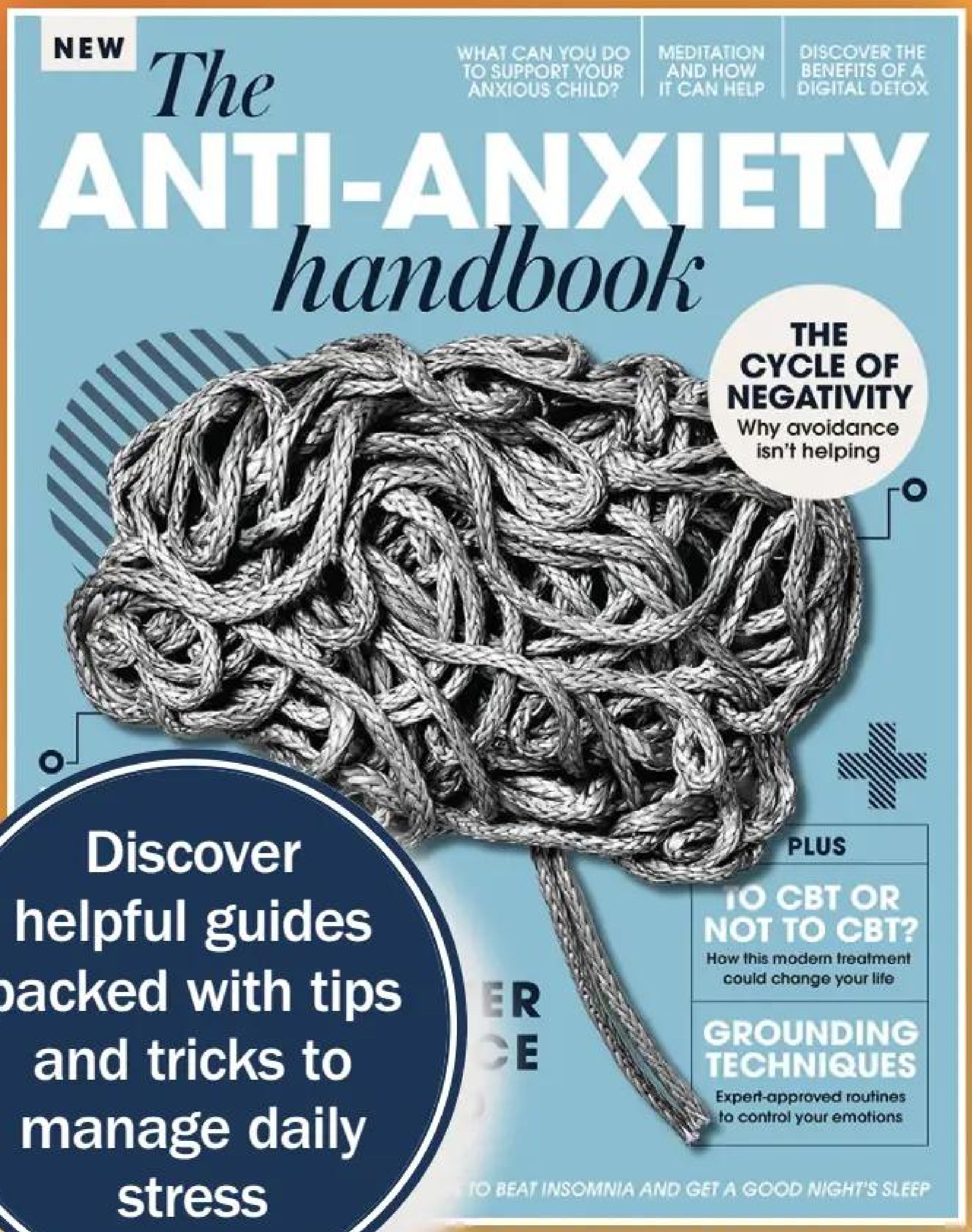
In 2012, cartoonist John Backderf released a graphic novel entitled *My Friend Dahmer*, about his friendship with the killer while they were at the same school.

Adapted for the big screen in 2017, the film is also called *My Friend Dahmer* and tells the story of the two boys' friendship from the age of 12 up to, but not including, Dahmer's first murder in 1978.

The film doesn't excuse Dahmer's crimes, but offers an empathetic portrayal of his formative years, and paints him as a lonely young man who has problems with his parents, is bullied by his peers and faces his own inner demons.

Starring American musician and actor Ross Lynch as Jeffrey Dahmer, and Anne Heche as his mum Joyce, the film offers a chilling insight into the making of a serial killer.

Ross Lynch stars as the young Dahmer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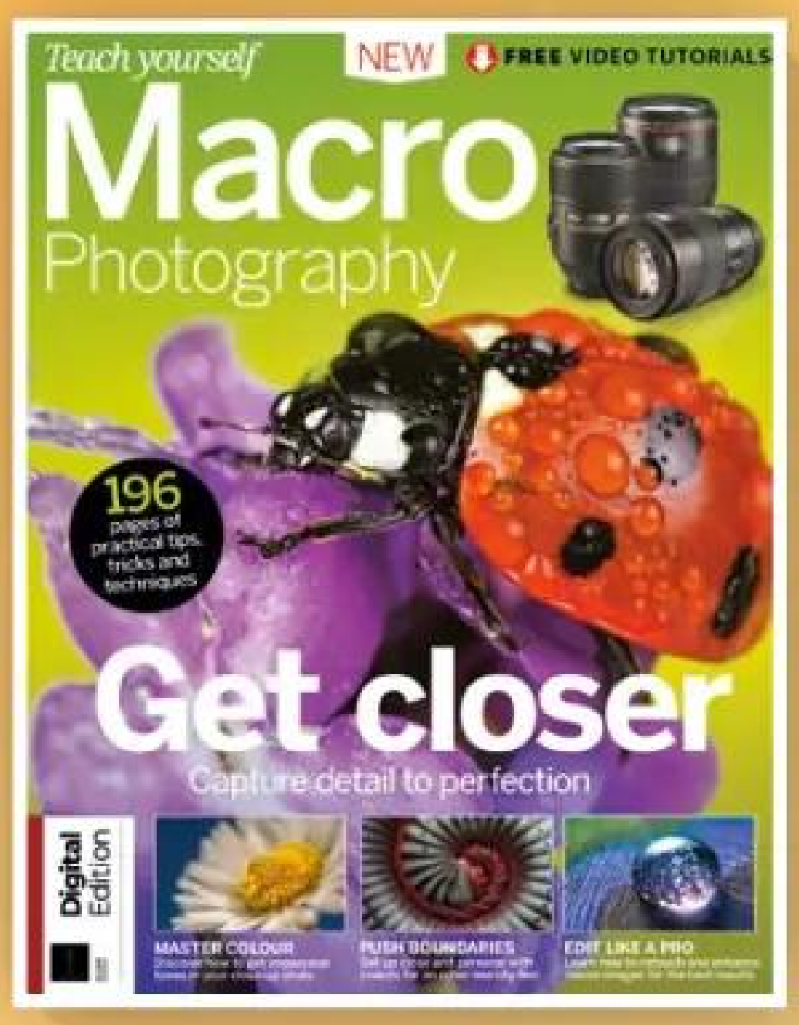
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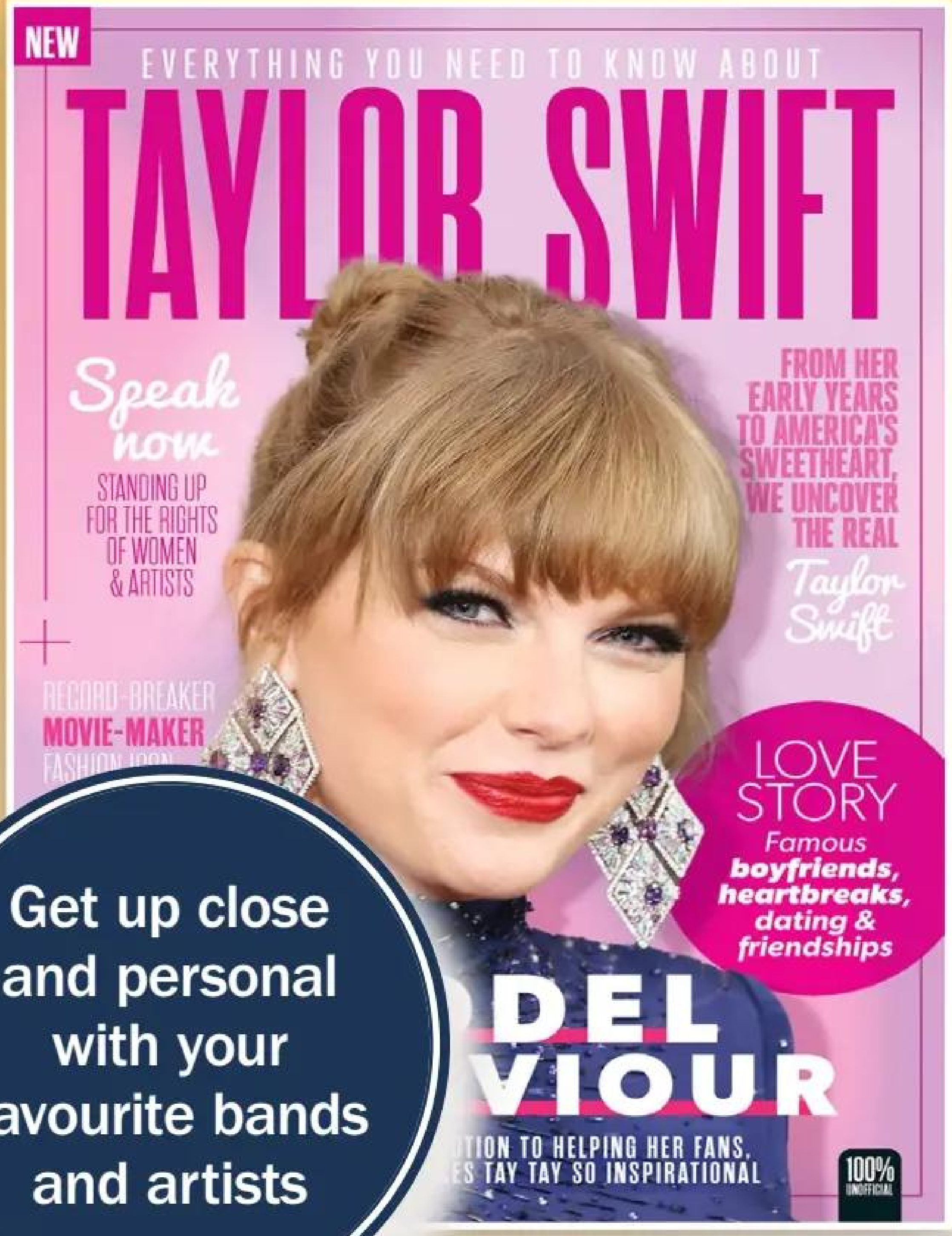
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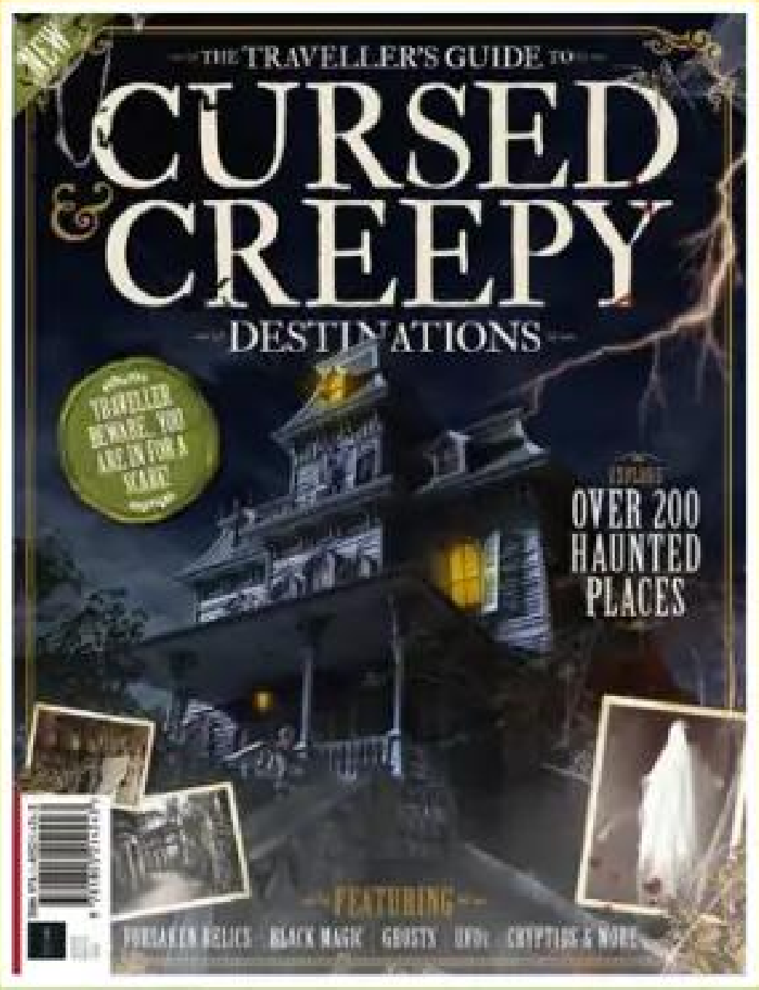

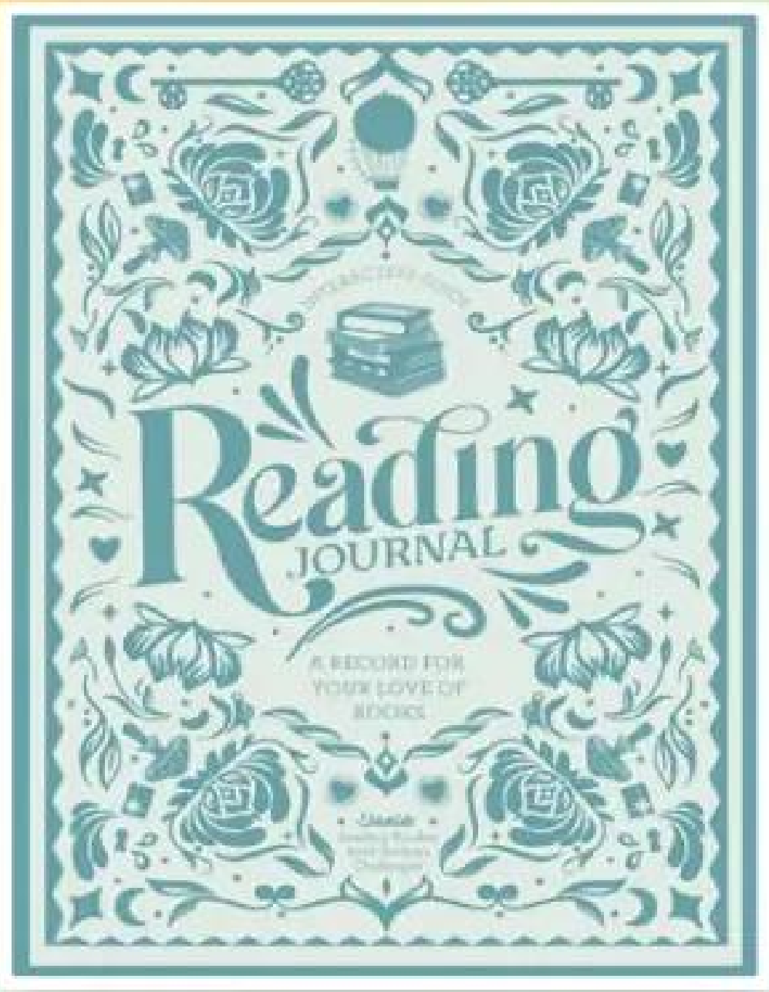

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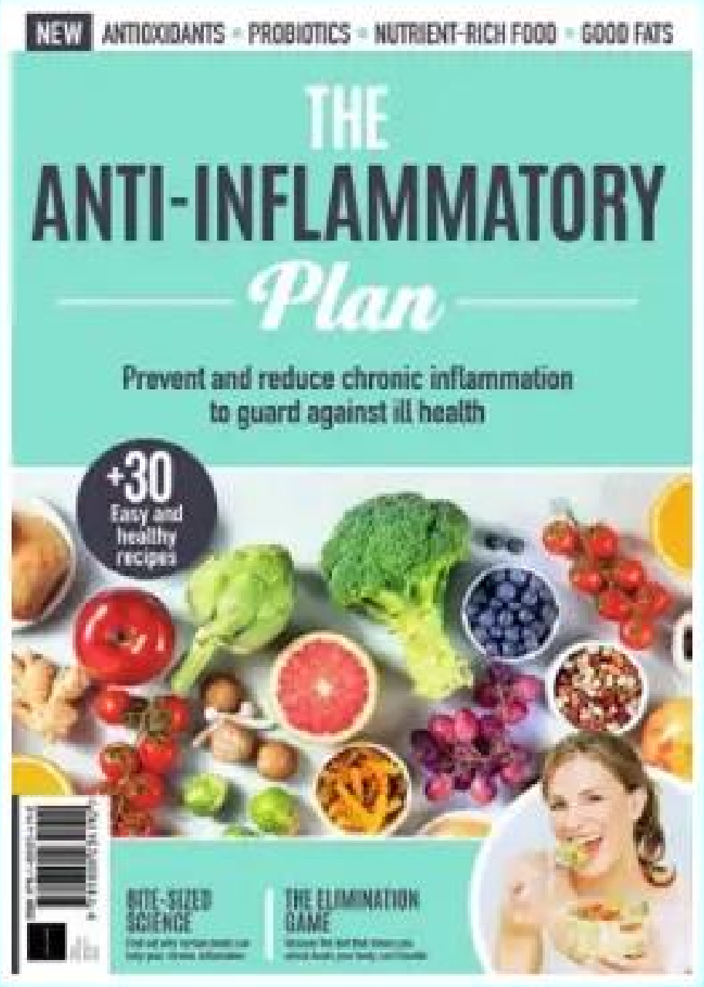

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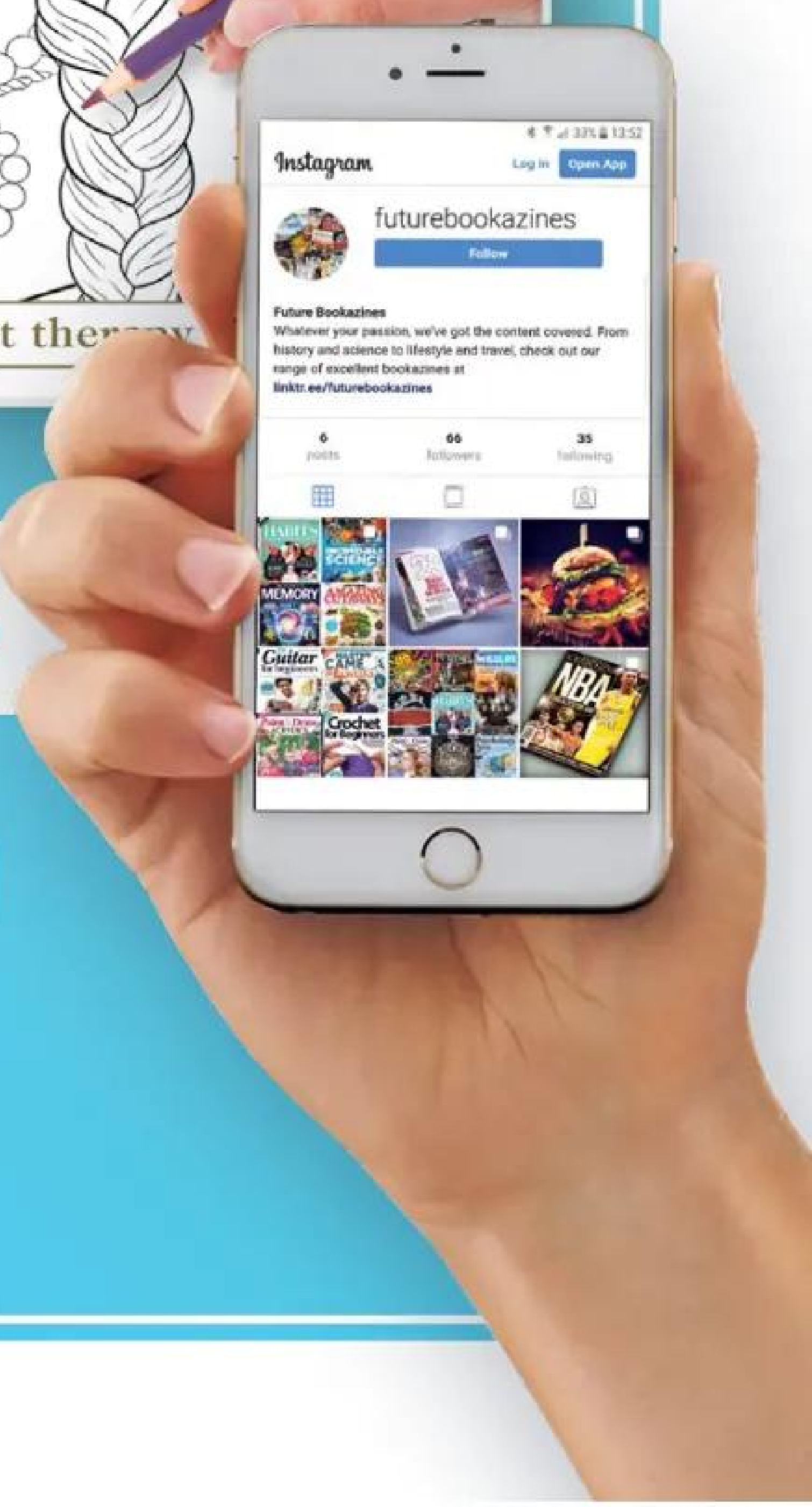

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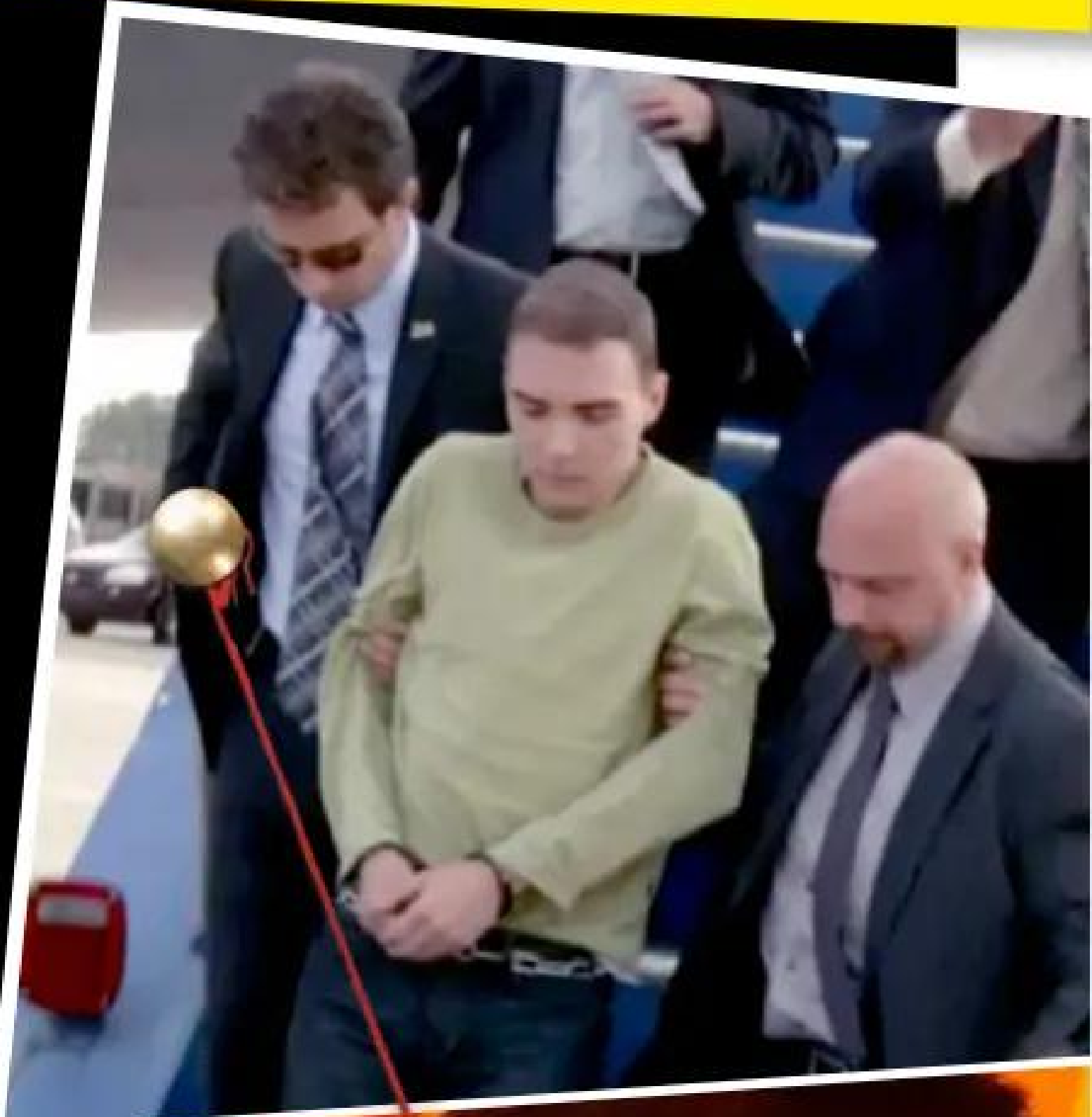

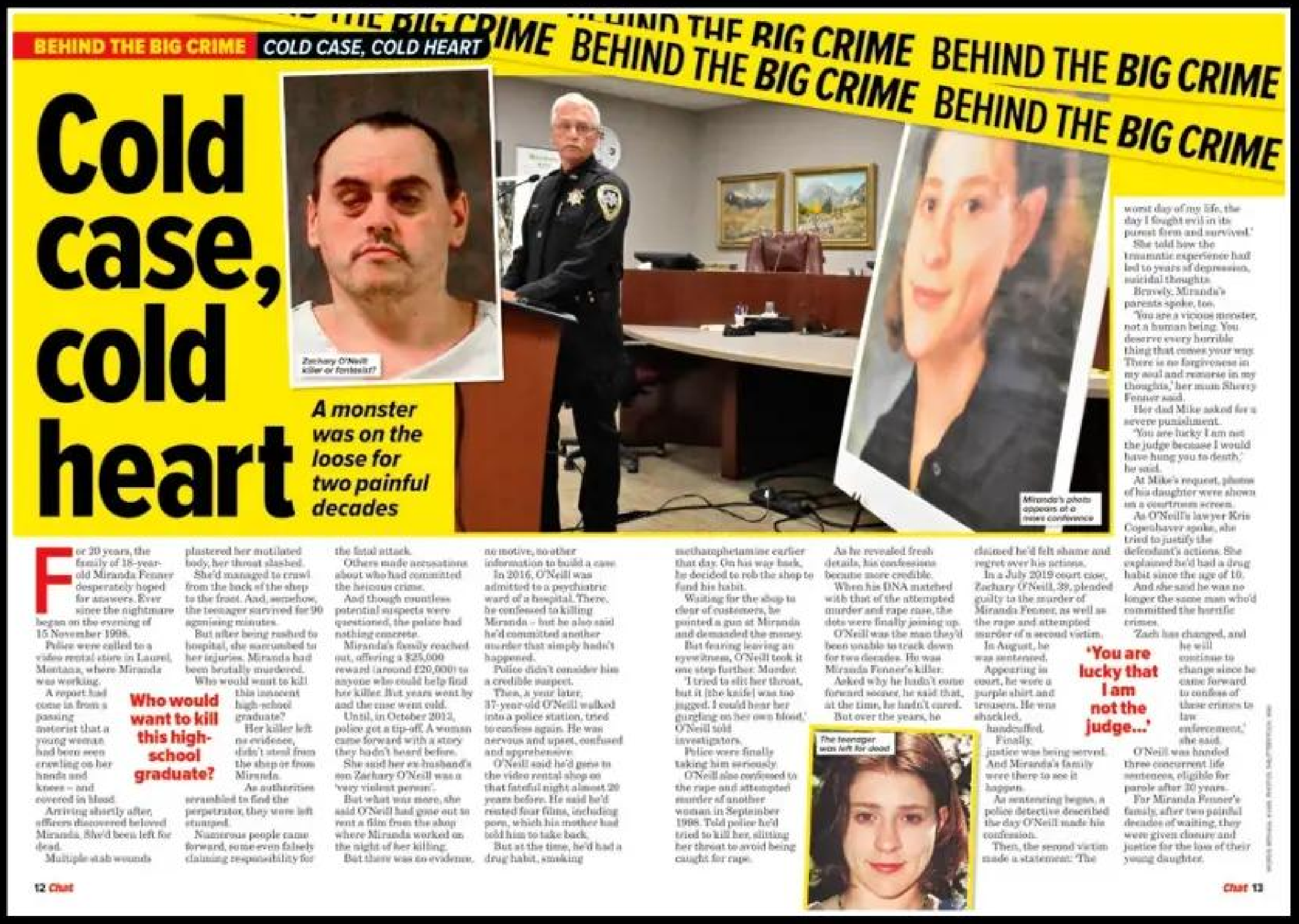

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